



40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

EXTRA MILE AWARDS

The Rainbow Project is proud to present Amy Bennett, Glen Stephens Elementary School Social Worker, with an Extra Mile Award this year. In her role as a School Social Worker, she has gone above and beyond to make sure the students and families at Glen Stephens have access to community resources; food in and out of the school setting; and mental health services.

Recently, a Rainbow family who attends Glen Stephens received help from Amy when dealing with eviction. Once notified about the short-notice eviction the family was facing, Amy immediately connected them to community resources and drove to their home with gas and food cards.

Additionally, Amy has used resources the Rainbow Project provides on trauma symptoms at staff/teacher trainings, and has asked to have the Rainbow Project regularly in the school as she recognizes the high needs of her students and values early intervention: This is the epitome of going the extra mile for children and families.

Amy has not only helps therapists understand the ins and outs of the education system, but she also prioritizes the mental health needs of the families at Glen Stephens. For example, one Rainbow Project therapist was not able to connect with the mother of a client, due to the difficult circumstances they were dealing with at the time; Amy made the effort to involve the therapist from her position as a School Social Worker.

Amy is someone who truly values the work that mental health professionals do, and she recognizes the widespread need for children's mental health services in our community. She goes above and beyond in her work, every day, and we couldn't think of a more deserving person for this year's Extra Mile Award.

Congratulations, Amy!

