

Past Recipients

When time came for our Council to decide who the first recipient of the Dave Roberts Award for Advocacy would be, it was an easy decision to make. The 2004 Dave Roberts Award for Advocacy was awarded to **Dana Farmer** who has worked with the PAIMI Program of the Advocacy Center since 1991. For many years, Dana has been a strong advocate for persons with mental illnesses and was a friend and advocate of Dave and the people he helped. Dana is well respected for her knowledge and the tenacity that she puts into her work for everyone she helps.

In 2005 **Carolyn Alden** won the Dave Roberts Award for Advocacy. Carolyn was nominated by the Collier County Hunger and Homeless Coalition. She is well known in her community for her compassion. It was an honor to award Carolyn Alden our Dave Roberts Award for Advocacy in 2005 because she has demonstrated the same compassion that Dave had during his life.

In 2006 **Mary Andrew** won the Dave Roberts Award. Mary is a long time advocate for persons with mental illnesses. She created a program when she was the executive director of the MHA of West Palm Beach to help individuals with mental illnesses who are experiencing homelessness find housing. She trained peers to help their peers; thus creating employment opportunities for individuals with mental illnesses who otherwise might have stayed homeless and unemployed.

In 2007 the Dave Roberts Award was given to **Clint Rayner**. Clint has been a national leader in the recovery and resiliency movement in the substance abuse and mental health community for more than nineteen years. He was one of the founding members of The Florida Peer Network, was instrumental in the development of Florida's Certified Recovery Peer Specialist, both adult and family (CRPS), and the Certified Substance Abuse Peer, Recovery Support Specialists (RSS). Clint is a national motivational and advocacy speaker and trainer.