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### Volunteer Coordinator Receives Parent Recognition Award

CONCORD, NH – Cheryl Stinson, Visitor Services Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, received a Parent Recognition Award at the 3rd Annual Unsung Hero Parent Recognition Awards Ceremony with Governor John H. Lynch on February 17. Governor Lynch has declared February 2010 as Parent Recognition Month in New Hampshire.

The NH Children's Trust Fund selected 28 parents, nominated by their peers, for the 28 days of February. The award honors and recognizes parents and caregivers for their positive role modeling and important jobs they do every day that strengthen families and lead communities.

Stinson is a committed mother of two who has taught her children to emphasize their strengths rather than their weaknesses. She supports her aging parents, especially her father who lives with Parkinson's disease, and lives as a very active member of the community. Stinson has been a Girl Scout Leader for eleven years and a Boy Scout volunteer for thirteen years, a member of the Mission Committee of her church, and a volunteer Sunday Monitor Penacook Town Crier columnist for many years.

"I truly believe in one of the points from the Governor's proclamation. 'The power of parents speaking publicly about their experiences has made, and will continue to make, an impact on the lives of families everywhere'," said Stinson. "I am honored to receive this award. It is important to share our stories and support one another in our communities."

The new McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center features 21st century interactive exhibits on aviation, astronomy, Earth and space sciences, a state-of-the-art planetarium and a variety of science, technology, engineering and math programs. The engaging, robust educational programs are geared towards families, teens, seniors, students, community groups, and lifelong learners. For more information, visit [www.starhop.com](http://www.starhop.com).

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