

We would very much like to honor a woman who has provided invaluable contributions to C3's life as a community over the past 20 years. Long involved in fundraising campaigns to support C3, she carried her support even further by serving two terms as a member of the C3 Board of Trustees as well as serving on the Executive Committee.

Her steadfast and passionate advocacy for the rights and needs of children has been a highlight and key feature of her participation in C3, and by extension, C3's outreach to local communities. As project coordinator of the Child Safety document and processes group and as chair of the C3 Education Committee, she steered the C3 children's program through a difficult transition and tumultuous staffing changes with a calm and compassionate demeanor and peaceful intention.

Her commitment to social justice and love of literature led her to work as a volunteer for several years, together with Doris Rucks, Leslie Newman, and other C3 volunteers, to support and improve the Muskegon Heights Library.

In addition, as a C3 volunteer she helped arrange for nationally known children's book authors to visit students attending the Muskegon Heights schools, enabling the students to interact with the visiting authors and illustrators, question them, and discuss their books in person. This experience had great potential to open up possibilities for the students' own lives and future endeavors. In addition, she arranged to have these authors share their perspectives with us at C3. And she invited several young people from local high schools to C3 to participate in an enlightening and necessary dialogue about their experience of gender and sexuality.

Perhaps one of her greatest gifts to C3 has been to share her lifelong devotion to the imagination, and the power of story, with us, through her beautiful, profound, moving, funny, and perceptive meditations at C3 gatherings over many years.

We are presenting this award in gratitude for Margaret's voice, her activism, her compassionate presence, her wry humor, her devotion to the children's program, and her many ongoing efforts on behalf of C3.

Jenny Roberts, dear friend of Margaret and a member of C3