

INSPIRING VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2009

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Partners in Advocacy is thrilled to announce that Joan Alexander, one of our valued army of volunteer Citizen Advocates, has been recognised for her long term volunteering commitment - over 10 years! Joan was presented with the prestigious Volunteer of the Year Award by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh at a special ceremony in Edinburgh at the City Chambers on Wednesday 3rd June.

Lorraine Herschell, Children's Advocacy Co-ordinator at Partners in Advocacy who has worked closely with Joan and her partner and nominated Joan, said "Joan has been an absolute inspiration to us all, an excellent volunteer Advocate, working tirelessly on a one to one basis with a certain young man over several years and Joan's exceptional commitment to him has completely transformed his life for the better. We at Partners in Advocacy are extremely proud of Joan and are delighted that she has been rewarded in such a magnificent way. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to her."

On receiving her award Joan commented "I've had the pleasure and privilege of being the volunteer Advocate for the same young man for the past ten years – its not been easy, I've been challenged like nowhere else in my private or working life. I've learned and developed new skills like listening and communication. I've enjoyed every minute of it and I've taken immense pleasure in being able to make such a difference, supporting this young man's transition to independent adulthood, seeing him grow, empowered to speak up for himself, and he now has his own voice.

Lord Provost George Grubb with Graham Lawrie, Lady, Advocate Joan Alexander



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