

BELMONT RESIDENT RECEIVES SCHMITT UNSUNG HERO AWARD

LACONIA Paul Plimpton of Belmont is the 2004 recipient of the Annette P Schmitt Unsung Hero Award, an honor given each year by the Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families to someone who has worked and volunteered on behalf of children and families in Belknap County. Presented by Judge Willard Martin at the recent joint Annual Meetings of the Citizens Council and UpStream, this award recognized Plimpton for his many years as a mentor and sports coach of youth in the Lakes Region.

Judge Martin, a Juvenile Judge with the Laconia District Court, described Plimpton as “quietly active and very involved in his community for more than 20 years”. Martin explained that Plimpton is "a gifted coach who uses his skills and love of sports to motivate kids to stay in school and earn good grades”. As someone who has been instrumental in developing and maintaining sports activities for youth, Paul is also known for his many “sideline chats” with kids and parents. He "believes in the potential of all youth, not just those that excel as athletes," said Martin.

Plimpton received an engraved, decorative clock and his name was added to the award plaque that hangs in the Council offices. Also honored this same evening with a Council Associate Award was Brian Loanes, Director of the County's Juvenile Restorative Justice Program.

The Belknap County Citizens Council on Children and Families is a County Department charged with planning, advocacy, networking, and resource development to support a positive environment for children and families in Belknap County. Council members who come from every community in Belknap County include Belmont residents, Gil Schohan and Rep James Pilliod. For more information on the Citizens Council visit www.bccj.org or call 528-3185.



Members of the Plimpton family were on hand to congratulate Paul, (4th from the left in the front row). Beside him (L-R) are Lois Plimpton, his mother; his wife Doreen; and Judge Willard Martin. Second row are his brothers Stephen (far L), Jonathan (far R) and his daughter, Cassie.