



SSWAM

School Social Workers Association of Missouri

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Dear SSWAM Members and Supporters,

On behalf of SSWAM's Board of Directors, I would like to recognize and thank Carla Gardner, MSW, LCSW for the many years of loyal service she has devoted to her clients, their families, the schools in which she works, and the profession. Her dedication is highly commendable; what she has accomplished over the course of her career thus far is awe-inspiring, to say the least.

The profession is legitimized by caring, committed, and innovative people such as Carla. Undoubtedly, she has touched so many lives with her humble, yet tenacious, disposition.

Because of Carla, our profession is advanced by her willingness to supervise social work students and those seeking clinical licensure, as well as her readiness to take an active role on state and regional professional Boards of Directors. Additionally, our schools are enhanced by her involvement in restorative justice, RtI, and PBIS committees and groups, and also by successfully advocating for expansion of social work services in her district. Outside of Carla's professional day, our communities are stronger and safer because of her desire to volunteer her time for a variety of causes that positively impact and connect children, families, and schools with their communities. Most importantly, her interactions with Missouri students and their families have helped them feel love, safety, support, and a sense of empowerment in the most trying of times.

Again, we sincerely thank Carla and appreciate her for all she's done. Carla is a shining illustration of how our profession is the vital link between home, schools, and communities. We are eager to see what she does next!

Warmest regards,

Kim Harrelson, LCSW
SSWAM President