

LYNNE JACKIER RECEIVES 2008 PEACEMAKER AWARD

On Saturday, January 19th, the Community Dispute Resolution Center, together with the Greater Ithaca Activities Center, joined in the celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by presenting the Tenth Annual Peacemaker Award to Lynne Jackier, at the yearly MLK Community Breakfast. This award is presented annually to an individual or group who exemplifies the spirit of Dr. King's dream, and who works non-violently for change, brings people together to resolve differences and/or promote social justice, and whose work benefits the Tompkins County community.

Ms. Jackier spent 15 years as the Director of the Drop-In Children's Center here in Ithaca, and recently retired from that position. While there, she supported multi-cultural, affordable, quality child care. By welcoming all parents into the aspects of the center's operations, she created an employment opportunity pipeline to the public schools for many people who would never have had a chance of applying directly.

The quote by Dr. King on the commemorative plaque awarded to Ms. Jackier on January 19, 2008 is embodied by her life and work: "The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood."