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Kathleen A. Buchanan Honored With Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award

During the National Guardianship Association's Annual Conference in Portland, Ore., Kathleen A. Buchanan, NCG, was announced as the Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award recipient. One of the highest honors bestowed by the Center for Guardianship Certification (CGC), the award recognizes the recipient's significant contributions to CGC and the promotion of guardianship certification.

For more than 20 years, Buchanan has been working with the office of Clark County Public Guardian. She was appointed to run that office as the Clark County Public Guardian in 2000. Her office serves approximately 500 persons under guardianship and as representative payee for approximately 700 Nevadans.

She developed and implemented a program in conjunction with State and Federal authorities using the Electronic Benefit Transfer System for food stamp recipients on her program.

Buchanan has successfully utilized careful, respectful and judicial use of the media to assist her office in finding family and the true identities of "John Doe Persons under Guardianship," enabling these persons to receive the care and benefits they need.

Locally, she has been instrumental in serving as a resource for Nevada's state legislators through her appearance and testimony during public hearings and committee meetings. She has also assisted Nevada in passing guardianship reform such as requiring certification by CGC of private professional guardianships and passage of the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdictional Act.

Buchanan has been a member of the National Guardianship Association (NGA) since 1998, served on numerous NGA committees and on the NGA board and received the Outstanding Affiliate Member Award. She is a founding member of the Nevada Guardianship Association and served on its Board of Directors for several years.

In an effort to provide persons under guardianship with the best care possible, Buchanan requires her deputies and case managers to be certified by CGC. She encourages all those around her to practice the highest standards when working for persons under guardianship, and she is a deserving recipient of the Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award.

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