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Donna M.C. Keddy Honored With Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award

During the National Guardianship Association's Annual Conference in Tampa, Fla., Donna M.C. Keddy, NMG, 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.

Keddy has been the Director of Tri-County CAP, Inc., Guardianship Services since 2003. From 1988 to 2003, she served the program in a variety of capacities including that of Estate Guardian and Staff Guardian. Under her leadership, the program has expanded to serve 388 individuals as Guardian Over the Person, 40 individuals as Guardian Over Estate or Trustee and an additional 173 individuals as protective payee.

In 2010, Keddy undertook an initiative to assist family guardians to remain actively involved in their loved one's life, even if their own needs necessitated that they be separated from their loved ones for a long period of time. The program's goal was to reduce the number of individuals who might require the service of a state-funded guardian if family members could be supported to remain involved.

Keddy is a staunch advocate for the certification of guardians. An established goal for her program is the certification of staff as national certified guardians. It is her expectation that all staff working in a decision-making capacity, whether designated as guardians or not, will be certified by CGC. As someone who works to promote guardianship certification, she is a deserving recipient of the Fred Kretz Cornerstone Award.

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