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Youth In Need Employee Receives National Administrator of the Year Award

ST. CHARLES, Mo., May 20, 2010 —The National Head Start Association (NHSA) recently recognized the best of the best at its annual conference in Dallas. NHSA named Youth In Need Assistant Head Start Director Tammie Benton, of Wentzville, as the 2010 National Administrator of the Year. Benton’s national award came after winning at the state and then regional levels.

“It’s very difficult to think just about me and the ‘special contributions’ I have made,” Benton said. “I have a phenomenal team, each one contributing their skills, strengths and talents on a daily basis. I often challenge our group to think about the bigger picture and envision how things would sustain themselves if one of us weren’t here. But the truth is not one of us could do it on our own. While I am very appreciative of this nomination, I am so much more grateful to get up every morning and impact the families that we serve, one child at a time.”

Benton began her career with Youth In Need in 1998, when the agency became a Head Start provider. In that time, she has served in a variety of management roles, including responsibility for the program’s education curriculum and child and family services.

“This award is a prestigious honor that validates the superb work, passion and commitment Tammie has demonstrated year after year,” said Daryl Rothman, Youth In Need’s Vice President of Head Start for St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren and Montgomery Counties.

“Tammie earned these terrific accolades by virtue of her tireless work ethic, passion for serving children and families and visionary leadership. The superlatives that describe Tammie as an employee and administrator are endless and only eclipsed by those which describe her as a person.”

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Visit www.youthinneed.org to download a high resolution photo of Benton.

Youth In Need, a proud member of the United Way, is an eastern Missouri regional agency serving more than 11,000 children, teens and families each year with residential group homes, homeless street outreach, education, counseling and support groups, foster care case management and infant, child and family development programs. Youth In Need's mission: ***Believing in the power of potential, Youth In Need's mission is to provide nurturing environments and educational opportunities so children, youth, and families will find safety and hope, achieve their goals, and build a positive future.*** Youth In Need's programs and services are funded, in part, by its 2010 Children's Partners, including Monsanto as the exclusive Principal Partner. Visit www.youthinneed.org for a complete listing of Youth In Need's Champion, Guardian, Trustee and Patron Partners.

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