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## **Eileen Brown Receives the 2013 “Keeping Our Promise by Keeping Our Children Safe” Award**

The City of Colonial Heights Director of Youth and Human Services Eileen Brown has received the 2013 “Keeping Our Promise by Keeping Our Children Safe” Prevention Award from the Positive Parenting Coalition in recognition of her service, support, and encouragement to children and families in the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights community.

This award is a prestigious annual recognition presented by the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Positive Parenting Coalition for individuals who go above and beyond in service to the needs of local children and their families.

Mrs. Brown received this recognition at the Coalition's “7th Annual Positive Parenting Institute” on Thursday, March 28. This annual event marks the kick-off for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“We are very proud for Eileen and the City that she has received this award, but not surprised,” said City Manager Tom Mattis. “She has done a great job serving Colonial Heights families for many years.”

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Mrs. Brown joined the City as Director of the Office on Youth & Human Services in 1997. She received her undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and her Master of Social Work from the VCU in 1985. Mrs. Brown also attended the Leadership Development Program at the University of Virginia.

“It’s a great professional experience working with Eileen serving families in our community” said Abby Lynch Youth Specialist. “Her leadership creates a daily camaraderie and working atmosphere that’s essential to the success of our operation.”

Mrs. Brown also has extensive professional experience in mental health case management, being a counselor and administrator of a battered women’s shelter and supervising CETA youth employment programs. Through her service and policy development, Colonial Heights children have received the nurturance and protection needed to thrive, and families have had a safer place to live.

“This is a well-deserved recognition” said Diane Yates, Colonial Heights Vice-Mayor and former member of the Youth Services Commission. “I have had the pleasure to work closely with Eileen and experience her commitment to children and their families.”

The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Positive Parenting Coalition’s mission is to educate, support, and empower families to achieve their full potential; and achieves these goals through collaboration and partnerships with a wide range of community organizations, schools and local governments.

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