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## Friends of Karen Honored



*Pictured (l-r): Nancy Mariano, Friends of Karen regional director, Long Island and Queens; Rhonda Ryan, director, Social Work; Jessica Dunn, social worker; and Marla Krellenstein, social worker.*

Friends of Karen, Port Jefferson, was honored with a Team Award from Hospice Care Network (HCN) for its work during the final stages of life by offering care and comfort, both to children and to those with whom they share their lives.

"We have witnessed first-hand the commitment and passion of this unique organization," said Mary Gravina, assistant vice president, counseling services, HCN. "Our friends at Friends of Karen are often the voice of reason, the movers of mountains, the lenders of hope. They intuitively know what is most important to a sick child and have repeatedly gone above and beyond to assure that serious illness need not rob children of their childhood." For more information on Friends of Karen call 631-473-1768; or visit the Web site at [www.friendsofkaren.org](http://www.friendsofkaren.org).