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**PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ANNUAL VOLUNTEER
AWARD WINNERS**

(Plainville, CT) Plainville Community Schools' volunteers Mark Bieber and Sue Bradley have been selected as this year's school district volunteer award winners and were honored at the annual Plainville Community Schools Volunteers Light the Way Recognition and Awards Program held at Plainville High School on June 2.

The 2008-09 *Dick Ronalter Mentor of the Year Award* was presented to Mark Bieber. This award is given to a volunteer mentor who has gone the extra mile in his or her role as an adult friend to a student. Mark joined the district's volunteer program as a mentor in 2006. Since then he has consistently met with his mentee, an eighth grader at the Middle School of Plainville, to offer support and encouragement. Mark shares his interest in the Arts and Sciences with his mentee by planning fun, educational activities that they can do together each week. Staff members at the Middle School note that Mark is a thoughtful, enthusiastic volunteer who is extremely invested in his role as a mentor and when he cannot make his weekly visit, he often will fax a light-hearted note to his mentee.

The 2008-09 Plainville Community Schools *Volunteer of the Year Award* was presented to Sue Bradley for her outstanding service and commitment to Plainville

Community Schools. Sue has served as the Middle School of Plainville Parent/Teacher Committee President since 2006. Sue has successfully organized many fundraisers and student activities including pie sales, flower sales and school-wide talent shows. She also coordinates the annual Coat Drive and "Spoil a Family" Drive during the holidays, as well as the end of year 8th Grade Graduation Celebration. She is often seen at the school during conference times selling food items or MSP Spirit Wear to raise funds for the many activities at the school. One Middle School of Plainville staff member shares, "I've never seen so much dedication, effort, and time put in by a volunteer like Sue Bradley. Besides that, she does it all with a big smile." "It is an honor to have such high quality volunteers as part of the Plainville Community Schools family," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kathleen Binkowski.