

## **FOCUS ON FIELD EDUCATION**

### **UCF M.S.W. Student Named Volunteer of the Year by Stewart-Marchman Center**

Orlando, Feb. 6, 2008 — Beth Engelman, a student in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Central Florida's Daytona Beach campus, has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Stewart-Marchman Center.

Engelman is completing her first field internship with the Stewart-Marchman Center, a community-based agency that encourages family involvement in the treatment and prevention of addictions and delinquency by offering services including detoxification, residential and outpatient programs as well as community education and prevention. The center has a number of locations to serve northeastern Florida.

Engelman was nominated by her supervisor, Sonny Donaldson, LCSW, for her initiatives with the Drug Proof Your Kids Program and her involvement facilitating family groups. Many families have expressed their gratitude for her presence and commitment to following up with them.



The Stewart-Marchman Center first learned of the DPYK Program, which educates parents on preventing teen drug use, from a presentation Engelman conducted in her role as a full-time PLUS (Prevention, Learning, Understanding, Substances) case worker with the student services department of Volusia County Public Schools. The agency was so impressed with her presentation and the program that they adopted DPYK as a Stewart-Marchman initiative. Later on, when she obtained her internship at the agency, she was asked to help promote it. Her efforts have included designing an exhibit board, tailoring a promotional PowerPoint show and developing flyers. She has gotten the word out to the community, parents and social service professionals by attending community fairs, making presentations at community forums and networking with community leaders.

In addition to being a full-time employee of Volusia County Public Schools, a part-time M.S.W. student, and an intern at the center, Engelman is a happy newlywed to Kevin Ferguson; a proud mother to David, who has served four years to date as a marine science technologist in the U.S. Coast Guard, and a new grandmother of 2 ½-month-old Ben, thanks to Beth's daughter, Maria, and Maria's husband, Brian.

As part of the program requirements for all graduate and undergraduate social work students at UCF, Engelman is completing her field education internship at a community agency, said Jill Davis, director of field education. "These internships provide students with opportunities to apply and integrate classroom learning with actual practice by serving agency clients," she explained.

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