

**Kay Stellpflug**  
**2002 Friend of Education**

The wide-range involvement by Kay Stellpflug demonstrates her commitment to youth and education in the Beaver Dam District as well as on an international scale. From her parental involvement as President of the Wilson Elementary School Parent Organization, to her term as President of the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation, Stellpflug has been a dedicated advocate for education in Beaver Dam for about twenty-five years. Throughout that time, she has helped raise support and awareness for referendums and has served on various district committees.

About five years ago, Stellpflug brought the "Hearts and Hands Across the Americas" program to the district's students and the Beaver Dam community. Stellpflug assists in all aspects of the project, including telling about her own humanitarian aid experiences in Bolivia. As part of that program, Stellpflug has taken quilts made by Beaver Dam third graders and community volunteers to children in Bolivia. During her last trip, Stellpflug set up a program that connects young, school-age mothers in Beaver Dam to those living in the Bolivian orphanages. Project AWARE Coordinator and nominator Sue Scafe says, "Because of Mrs. Stellpflug, our students not only gain an understanding and appreciation for a different culture and heritage, they also learn empathy, respect, and global responsibility."

Stellpflug's ten-year involvement with the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation is another significant contribution to education. She is now serving her second year as the Foundation's President. Her many other school-related projects include hosting students, fund-raising, screenings for hearing, portraying the tooth fairy in the classrooms, performing for students through the Tell-A -Tale program of Beaver Dam Area Community Theatre, and chaperoning field trips. Stellpflug was also instrumental in the development of a drama club at the Middle School and a Middle School drama class in the summer school program. In more education related endeavors, Stellpflug has been a World Peace Studies Tours chaperone and she served on the state board of that organization. She has assisted with the Women's History Month library program and the AFS calendar sales.