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“One Great Community Salutes Chamber Champion Barbara Beilfuss!”
Award presented at Dennis Middle School library, Monday, June 1, 2009

“**ONE Great Community Salutes**” is a Chamber program designed to recognize people who do positive things to improve the quality of life in our community.

Barbara Beilfuss, an active member of the Richmond Community Schools’ volunteer program, is this month’s **Chamber Champion**. Barb came to the community in 1992 and was a registered nurse at Reid Hospital. She retired eight years ago and eight years ago decided to become a study buddy. She has a full list of volunteer positions, but this one holds a special place in her life.

Barb has been with Mason for all 8 years, first as his study buddy in elementary school and now as his mentor in middle school.

Barb has made an incredible impact on the life of this young man and his family. Michelle Hilbert, Mason’s mother says it best, “What it comes down to, is heart. She exemplifies how to give words of encouragement, kindness and love to strangers. She brightens days and gives that extra push to a 13-year-old boy who sure needs all the pushes he can get.” Barb says the experience has been equally rewarding for her., “What is really uplifting is to watch Mason grow as years have gone by and see him mature.”

The Chamber will select an award recipient monthly and honor recipients throughout the month. The Chamber invites nominations from the community. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber Office, local radio stations, the Palladium-Item and on line at www.rwchamber.org.

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