



SASW Distinguished Service Award Recipient (2007)

Audrey Zwack, Prince Albert, SK

Audrey Zwack has worked in the field of social work in Prince Albert for the past 31 years. She started her career in social work at the North Park Centre in Prince Albert in 1973. In 1976 she began working at the Community Service Centre where she continues to work today.

Audrey began her education in social work in the 1970's. With a growing family and work demands Audrey put her education on hold until 1988. While taking classes she continued to raise a family and worked full time. Audrey achieved her certificate of social work in the fall of 1992. As a student Audrey had a membership in SASW. Upon her completion of her CSW she became a full member of SASW in 1993.

Audrey has been involved in the Prince Albert Branch of SASW for many years. During that time she has held the positions of President and Vice President of the Branch. She has regularly attended meetings at both the local level and at the Provincial level. Audrey has been a part of the discipline resource pool since 1994. She also sits on the Ethics Committee for the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region.

Audrey has provided much of her time in the organizing of a variety of workshops and conferences in Prince Albert. These include workshops in the area of social work ethics, children advocacy and worker liability. Audrey also helped organize the provincial Social Work AGM and conference that was held in Prince Albert.

Audrey began her work at the Community Service Centre in Prince Albert as a nutritional aid program worker. Her work included helping parents understand the nutritional needs of children, especially those with food allergies. As well, Audrey provided budget counseling with parents. In 1979 the program evolved into a budget counseling program and trustee program. This included providing budgeting skills to people who did not have the skills such as those with drug addiction issues and intellectual impairments.

Audrey has dedicated a great deal of her time to the community specifically her work with Scouts Canada. Her work with Scouts included the following: cub leader, parent group committee leader, trainer for leaders and district, regional and provincial president.