

"VOLUNTEERS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD" 2008 Volunteer Awards & Recognition



Victor Sloan, AFNJ Board Member, presents **Top NJ Friends and Family Team Award** to Gianna LaScala, Team Captain for Team "G Baby."

Among many out of space creatures, Buzz Light-year, E.T. and a Ghost Buster were in attendance for the 2008 Arthritis Foundation's Volunteer Recognition Event. "Volunteers are Out of this World" was this year's theme, saluting volunteers who were recognized for their significant

achievements and contribution to the Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter. In its fourth year, the event was held at Newark Marriot. There were more than 330 attendees at the Saturday morning breakfast, of which more than half of the attendees were dressed up as aliens or space creatures from outer space

The ceremony began with recognizing our Arthritis Walk and Jingle Bell Run/Walk Award Recipients. Awards in that category included Top Fundraiser, Top Team, Largest Team, and

new categories were: Top New Jersey Friends & Family Team, Top New Jersey Corporate Team, and "Rookie of the Year," which is the highest performing new team. The ceremony concluded with our Chapter Awards: You are out of this World Award, Community Outreach Award, Arthritis Advocate Award, Leader of the Year, Valor Award, Heart of the Mission National Award and the Odd Fellows Spirit Award, which tributed the spirit and generosity of the Odd Fellows by naming this award in their honor.



Valerie Munro receives **National Heart of the Mission Award** from Joyce Waite (l), Interim President and CEO, AFNJ and Andy Crighton (r), AFNJ Board Chair.

special recognition for Sponsors. The Youth and Adult Chairs were also honored along with Walk Champions. This year, the Chapter instituted three new state wide awards for those teams showed excellence in raising dollars and recruiting people to the Arthritis Walk. The three



Judith Kendziora (r) receives **Leader of the Year Award** from Peggy Lotkowitz (l), VP, Mission Delivery, AFNJ.



Phil Hinck (r) receives **Odd Fellows Spirit Award** from Dan Lefever (l), Member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



Karen Lassiter receives **Valor Award** from AFNJ Board Members Jerry Zeldis (l) and Pat Novak Nelson (r).



Victor Sloan presents **Rookie of the Year Award** to Victoria Caggiano, Team Captain for "Tori's Angels."



Geraldine Inman receives **Community Outreach Award** on behalf of her instructor, Gertie Sloan from Doreen Tabussi (l), 2007 Community Outreach Award recipient and Zvi Eiref (r), AFNJ Board Member.



Jillian Schulz receives **Valor Award** from AFNJ Board Members Pat Novak Nelson (l) and Jerry Zeldis (r).



Barbara Ahmet-Schultz receives "**You are Out of this World**" Award from AFNJ Board Members Tom Spychalski (l) and Pat Novak Nelson (r).



Fischetti Family receives **Advocacy Award** from Valerie Munro, 2007 Advocacy Award recipient, Andrew Weinberger, AFNJ Board Member.



JA Parents, Jennifer Hubbard and Leala Baxter present **Youth Chair Awards** (l to r) Rachel Jandak, Jennifer Hubbard, Hannah Teitelbaum, Alyssa Kondash, Cynthia Brown, Jeffery Fishchetti, Leala Baxter and Victoria Munro.



Whiteman Family receives **Advocacy Award** from Valerie Munro, 2007 Advocacy Award recipient and Andrew Weinberger, AFNJ Board Member.