

2005 Inaugural Volunteer Service Award: Toni Robinson

Toni Robinson was named the inaugural recipient of the ADRP Service Award at the 2005 ADRP International Conference and Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. Ms. Robinson is the Director of Donor Relations at the University of Hartford and an outgoing ADRP Board Director. The ADRP Service Award honors an individual who has gone above and beyond in contributing his or her time and energy over the past year to enhance the Association and our profession. The ADRP Service Award is selected annually by the awards committee of the ADRP Board of Directors.

During the award presentation, ADRP President Joe Donnelly made the following remarks:

"Toni Robinson, Director of Donor Relations at the University of Hartford and member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Donor Relations Professionals, we honor you today as the inaugural recipient of the annual Association of Donor Relations Professionals Service Award. You rescued our beloved StewList from dire straits when oblivion threatened, and for many years have served our profession tirelessly as the mistress of our electronic communications. Your stewardship of our listserv has held our professional community together, and your friendly and welcoming missives have soothed your troubled colleagues. This past year, you have also been instrumental in transferring the listserv to ADRP's aegis — a process that itself called upon your demonstrated problem-solving abilities. Throughout, you have remained steadfast in providing an invaluable service to donor relations professionals."

Your professional character is hereby recognized by your colleagues and friends. We are grateful for your commitment to our profession, as was amply demonstrated through your service as manager of StewList, as member of the ADRP Board of Directors, as chair of our first nominations committee, as host one of the inaugural Hartford-area regional workshop, and as a member of the "donorrelations.org" Web redesign team. As one of your colleagues described your service, "You have helped ADRP grow in organizational sophistication while retaining the sense of community that is so valued and personified by our membership and our shared profession."

You are well known for your coda: Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity, and well-behaved women seldom make history. We shall make no comment on your sanity, but you may well have misbehaved, for you have made history through your service to our profession."

Toni Robinson, you have contributed so much to ADRP and our profession. In recognition of your outstanding record of service, we are proud to present you with the 2005 Association of Donor Relations Professionals Service Award."