



HOWARD LAKE-WAVERLY-WINSTED

Hall of Fame 2018 Inductee

Carol Sideen

With enthusiasm, warmth, and a positive attitude, Carol Sideen dedicated herself to the education of HLWW first-grade students for 34 years, from 1971 to 2005. Time spent in the classroom was only the beginning for Carol. Knowing the importance of literacy for kids of all ages, over the years she has also dedicated many, many hours outside the classroom to support young learners.

With her incredibly upbeat and positive personality, Carol continues to substitute-teach and contribute her service as a volunteer for youth through reading with students with her reading therapy dog, Penny. Recently, she was the catalyst for a major expansion of the Little Free Library program in our area. She has done fundraising and increased awareness for other literacy programs in the community.

Carol's service to others extends to her work in her church and with many different organizations. Her involvement in Howard Lake's Good Neighbor Days earned her Parade Grand Marshal status for the event. Carol and her husband, Neil, were foster parents in Wright County and hosted many foreign exchange students from around the world. Currently, she and Penny also visit hospitals and nursing homes frequently to encourage and lighten the spirits of those facing challenging life and health conditions.

Carol Sideen has taught many to embrace their own uniqueness and to pursue their individual goals and develop their gifts so they may live lives that are fulfilling and rich in meaning. She is a cheerleader for others, constantly encouraging them to build and use their talents and abilities. Her genuine, caring nature and her saying, "Make it a great day," has left a smile on the face of all those she has touched.

