Leave a Tribute to Betsy Clark

Leave a tribute or comment in honor of Betsy Clark, upon 12 years of service to the profession of hope.

Joseph T. Monahan
April 5, 2013

Betsy,

NASW and the Profession of Social Work are better because of your leadership and commitment these past dozen years. You have been a beacon of HOPE and have provided strong leadership to the organization. Your ability to create a vision and then focus on obtaining the vision has resulted in a lasting legacy for the next generation of leaders and for the profession.

Thank you for the countless hours you dedicated to your vision. Thank you for all the nights and weekends away from your family. Thank you for your patience with staff and the many volunteers who serve NASW. Thank you for your creativity and persistence. Thank you for not getting frustrated with the day to day challenges. Thank you for your steady guidance and your ability to make staff and volunteers feel that their efforts are necessary, meaningful and appreciated. Thank you for your sense of humor. Thank you for your dogged commitment to social work values. Thank you for demanding accountability and excellence in all our work.

Thank you for everything!

All good things to you and your family as you begin the next phase of your career.

Thank you,

Joe

Esther Langston
April 6, 2013

Thank you Betsy for your commitment and dedication to take the profession of Social Work to higher heights. I will miss you

Esther
Mary D. Bishop, LMSW April 9, 2013

Betsy,

I have always admired your insight into issues and concerns that can, could and did affect our profession. With your insight and wisdom you are able to articulate the desired outcome to turn the ship in a new direction. You also back up beliefs with evidence that supports for your position with the use your network of subject matter experts to help educate our leadership and membership on how to obtain the desired outcome. Case in point, Social Work Reinvestment Initiative coupled with The Race for Relevance and if your leadership used this book, it is a guide to help us through this current transition into our future. Betsy it is this insight and intuition that will be deeply missed by this organization. Thank you for your years of services and instilling hope to our professional association.

Respectfully,
Mary

Galen Miller
April 10, 2013

Betsy, Congratulations on your leadership for NASW and your commitment to work with many national organizations to make a difference in the lives of so many. Your ability to work with others sets the example for all of us to follow as we transition through the changes in social change, healthcare, and bring together people at the community, state, national and international levels. Your support of ongoing professional development for social workers, including the development of certification programs, is a great outcome. Your legacy of leadership will endure for many years to come.

With gratitude,
Galen Miller

Barb Conniff
April 10, 2013

Betsy, I will ditto all that has been said so well here. I have respected and admired you from the first day we met some 40+ years ago. You are the best, brightest, most committed, disciplined, visionary and hopeful leader we could have ever had. The Social Work Profession will forever carry all that you have contributed into our future, and we will be stronger, bolder and more hopeful as we continue the path you have set us on.
Thank You.

Ruth W Mayden
April 11, 2013

Dear Betsy,
Your leadership of our professional organization has been outstanding. Your vision and tenacity have been steadfast.
I wish you and your family the very best as you take on new challenges.
Ruth

Benjamin Sher, LMSW
April 11, 2013

Dear Betsey:

You have been a superlative leader of NASW National. I will never ever forget your visit to our agency for National Professional Social Work Month 2012, and the inspiring words you gave to our social work and human services staff. The national conference you organized on social work as the profession of hope was the best I have ever attended. You are an inspiration to us all and we have been so lucky to have your stewardship. I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Ben Sher

Freddie Avant
April 12, 2013

Dear Betsy,

Your contributions to the social work profession cannot be captured in my comments. Often you talked about the future of social work and your action provided much leadership and direction. In fact, I believe your commitment to the social work profession and your leadership gave the social work profession hope and allowed us to be resilient in building a better world for our clients. Thank you for your vision and leadership. I wish you the best in all your future endeavors. You will be missed.

Freddie L. Avant

Jean Quam
April 12, 2013

Thank you for your tremendous leadership during some very challenging social, political and economic times. I greatly enjoyed my time on the board under your leadership.

I wish you good health and great happiness in your future endeavors.

Kim Gandy
May 19, 2013

Dear Betsy, it has been a pleasure working with you over the past decade and your leadership has made a real difference. I hope your next adventure will be both fulfilling and fun. Please stay in touch!

All the best,
Kim