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HELEN MILLER RECIEVES TEACHER LEGACY AWARD

Middletown, DE - May 10, 2010. Joan Smith, a Real Estate Agent with Prudential Realty, announced today that Helen Miller, more commonly known as Mrs. Miller, of Woodbridge Elementary School has been awarded the Teacher Legacy Award for making an extraordinary impact in the community and received her plaque in a ceremony Tuesday.

Joan Smith started the teacher award program to recognize outstanding teachers in the Woodbridge community. When asked why she originally started the program, Joan said, "I see so many teachers who really pour themselves into the kids of our community, and I think they should be recognized as they are such a vital part to a strong community."

Nominations are held each March, with nomination forms distributed through the schools, local Parent/Teacher organizations and local businesses asking the nominee to nominate a teacher that has made an extraordinary impact and explain in a 500 words or less essay what affect their teacher has had on their lives. After the deadline, Joan and her team read over all of submissions, and they vote on the winner for that year. "The stories from these kids really choke you up," Joan said.

Smith and her team hosted a special awards ceremony this past Tuesday to honor all the nominees and announce the winner. All of the faculty, the students and their parents were invited to recognize the top teacher. This year's Teacher Legacy Award winner, Mrs. Miller, was joined onstage with one of her students, Jordan, who was asked to read his essay. There was not a dry eye in the auditorium as Jordan shared in his own words how Mrs. Miller was like a mother to him.

“The Woodbridge Elementary community was brought closer together through this opportunity, we are so grateful to have Joan as a REALTOR who really invested in her community, she really cares,” said Principal Bart Hayward.

Smith has lived and worked as Realtor in the Woodbridge community for 13 years. She loves her community and it shows in the way she runs her real estate business and gives back in such positive ways. To get more information on how to nominate a special teacher for the Teacher Legacy Award or would like to read the winning essay contact Joan call 302-375-6700 or visit www.joansmithhomes.net.

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