

## THE 2015 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENT



Carol Shaya

*“Preach by example of your lives rather than by words. Example is the very best sermon.”* St. Rose Philippine Duchesne’s words resound today as we honor Carol Shaya, the 2015 Wansboro Award Recipient. Carol is one of those special people who has demonstrated her trust and confidence in the Sacred Heart of Jesus through her continued dedication and visible commitment to the Sacred Heart community.

Carol Shaya has committed herself fully and selflessly to the Academy of the Sacred Heart for the past 45 years. Carol truly values a Sacred Heart education. Not only did she usher two lifers through the ranks (Linda Shaya Babcock<sup>81</sup> and Julie Shaya Sosa<sup>85</sup>), but her granddaughter, Isabella Shaya<sup>11</sup>, graduated from Sacred Heart and her granddaughter, Bianca Shaya, currently attends Sacred Heart. Also, Carol’s son, Jim Shaya, attended Kensington Academy for Grades 5 through 8, and her grandson, Matthew Shaya, attended Sacred Heart in preschool and first grade. Carol is a very active member of the Sacred Heart community as she continues to serve on boards, committees, panels, and councils. Carol has tirelessly committed to a variety of volunteer positions and never fails to generously donate both her time and her resources to the school. She always gives to Sacred Heart: she gives her ideas, she gives her enthusiasm, she gives financial support, she gives her energy, and she gives her talent – all with the goal to benefit the school and make Sacred Heart flourish.

Carol embodies the true spirit of Katherine Wansboro, RSCJ. She consistently lives out the *Goals and Criteria* and instills the Sacred Heart mission in her children and grandchildren. Carol is involved with many organizations and associations in the greater community, including Preservation Bloomfield, and yet she continues to serve as an active supporter of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, which she holds close to her heart.

The Alumnae and Alumni Association congratulates Carol Shaya on her dedicated service to the Academy of the Sacred Heart and proudly recognizes Carol Shaya with the 2015 Wansboro Award.

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*Katherine S. Wansboro, RSCJ*

In 1972, the Wansboro Award was initiated to honor individuals in the Sacred Heart family who by their lives and activities have demonstrated Confidence in the Heart of Jesus. The recipient of the award need not be a Sacred Heart alumna, as indeed Sister Wansboro was not, but the recipient must share with Sister Wansboro that strong commitment and dedication to the Heart of Jesus and Sacred Heart education.

After her graduation, Sister Wansboro needed a year to decide about her future. Being acquainted with the Kenwood Convent of the Sacred Heart for some time, she understood more deeply the spirit of the Society, believing it could bring to fruition all she was searching for in religious life: total consecration to the love of Christ. His love was her constant support during her more than 50 years as a Religious of the Sacred Heart.

As a religious, Sister Wansboro received an M.A. from Boston College and her undergraduate degree in Library Science from the State University of Albany. She frequently attended summer school to better prepare herself to meet the educational challenges in a changing world. As a teacher or coordinator of studies, Headmistress or Superior, she served in several houses in the Province, including Newton, Washington, D.C., Buffalo, Greenwich, Rochester and 91st Street. Her longest stay was in Michigan, where she spent 25 years, one at Grosse Pointe and 24 at Lawrence Avenue and Bloomfield Hills. She was Superior at Lawrence Avenue when the decision was made to establish a house in Bloomfield Hills. With only \$8,000 to buy land and build a new school, the task seemed impossible! It was clear to her that it could only be built on Confidence in the Heart of Jesus. It was through this Confidence that the project became a reality and Sister Wansboro became Superior of Bloomfield Hills, serving from 1958-1964.

Sister Wansboro insisted on excellence from her students. She endeavored to see that the Charity of Christ was the basis of all school activities. She worked behind the scenes by providing support and encouragement to her students and their families. She founded the Fathers' Club and the Janet Stuart Association to develop understanding between home and school. On August 2, 1990, Sister Katherine Wansboro celebrated her Diamond Jubilee as a Religious of the Sacred Heart. The Lord called Katherine Wansboro home on March 13, 1998.

This award is presented annually in the name of Katherine S. Wansboro, RSCJ, whose life exemplifies Confidence in the Heart of Jesus.