

Todd's Teddy Bear Drive

For three years now, the Schreiner student activities board, student senate and men's basketball team have sponsored Todd's Teddy Bear Drive to collect stuffed animals that they give to children undergoing treatment for cancer.

The project honors Todd Schwennesen, a former Schreiner student and member of the basketball team, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2006. He was admitted to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for treatment, where he noticed the children receiving cancer treatment and wanted to do something to help. The Teddy Bear Drive is the result of that desire.

Todd lost his battle with cancer in 2008 at the age of 25, before completing his mission to give a new stuffed animal to every patient at the center. Schreiner has continued what he started, collecting and distributing more than 2,000 stuffed toys in the first two years.

This year, with a goal of an additional 325 bears, the Teddy Bear Drive received 351 stuffed animals, as well as \$1,000 in donations that will be used to purchase more stuffed toys.

If you'd like to help Schreiner remember Todd in this way, you can make a contribution to:

Todd's Teddy Bear Drive
c/o Schreiner University
2100 Memorial Blvd.
Kerrville, TX 78028.



Hudson Earns Piper Professor Distinction

Dr. Kathleen Hudson, Schreiner English professor, earned the prestigious 2010 Minnie Piper Stevens Award, honoring her as one of the top college educators in Texas.

Hudson has been a highly respected member of the Schreiner University faculty since 1987 and is also the director of the Texas Heritage Music Foundation, a nonprofit housed on the Schreiner campus. She has published two books and organizes Texas Heritage Living History Day, the Texas Writers Conference and many other community-wide events.

"Teaching has been my calling since I was four-years-old," said Hudson. "As an 'enabler of learning,' I have felt daily joy to have the privilege of participating in what is possible for human beings in this world. Lighting a fire, not filling a pail, is the approach I have always taken. Schreiner has been a place for me to share, grow, learn, contribute and participate. This award is a reminder of my higher calling and for the future I am choosing more years of learning."

Established in 1958 with eight awards, the roster of Piper Professors includes outstanding professors from two- and four-year colleges and universities, public and private. The private, nonprofit Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, started in 1950 with oil businessman Randall Gordon Piper and his wife Minnie Stevens Piper as principal donors, operates the Piper Professors Program to honor college educators for outstanding scholarly achievements and exceptional dedication. Fifteen awards of \$5,000 each are made annually to professors for superior teaching at the college level. Selection is made on the basis of nominations submitted by each college or university in Texas.

"The addition of Dr. Kathleen Hudson to the roster of Piper Professors at Schreiner University is timely recognition," said Schreiner president Dr. Tim Summerlin. "A professor of English, Dr. Hudson is a teacher who understands the complex and varied ways by which human beings learn, and she delights in exploiting them all to draw out the best in her students. This is true not only in the formal classroom setting, but also through her coffeehouses, Living History Day and many other informal learning activities. Hurrah for Kathleen Hudson! She demonstrates what Learning by Heart is all about."

Elmore Whitehurst Award

Kathleen Marie Altmiller received the 2010 Elmore Whitehurst Award for Excellence in Learning. This annual award was established by the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation for a student graduating with a bachelor's degree who wants to continue on to graduate school in his or her field. It carries with it a scholarship from the foundation. Altmiller was presented the award by Schreiner president Dr. Tim Summerlin at the May 8 commencement ceremony.