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Jo Sanborn

Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement Award

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About

Jo Sanborn epitomizes the timeless dedication of a teacher who ignites the flame of learning in every child. Even after retirement, she could not resist the call to return, driven by her unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds. Her approach is simple: prioritize love, and the rest will follow. Over the years, she has become a cornerstone of the Chichester community, leaving a lasting impact on multiple generations of families. In her role as a part-time interventionist, Jo goes above and beyond to support the third generation of students with the same passion she has always shown. She refuses to give up on any child, any book, or any challenge that comes her way. Jo's dedication extends far beyond the confines of the classroom. She seamlessly transitions into the role of a guest reader in primary classrooms, offering her wisdom and warmth to eager young listeners. She remains a steadfast presence in the lives of her "big kids" in middle school, attending school events and cheering on her former students who have now become parents and grandparents themselves. Jo's efforts remind us all of the impact that a single individual can have on the lives of many.