Welcome to CARE 2007

Today I am struck with mixed feelings. I have seen dozens families over the past few years that have shared our philosophy, and have put value on the "bigger" aspects of life—family, educated parent choices, and most importantly balance. And they have succeeded in the business as well! It has been a joy to learn from them, support them, and watch them grow along with our own children. Even those who have left the business have moved on to wonderful adventures, and have left a positive "footprint" for the rest of us to follow.

But then I see how many NEW awardees are attending CARE, and how many new kids enter the business each year. I realize that our educational efforts have to be repeated, to truly make an impact on the industry and on the public perception of "stageparents". It's a daunting task, but *you can help.*

Here's a start: we hope you will take the time today to invest in our philosophy, and embrace it all year long. Please, don't just attend this event and pick up a trophy. We want the kids to realize that they are WONDERFUL, not because they are actors, but because they are good people whether they attain "stardom" or not. LIFE is more important than showbiz. You can help us, as a family, by setting that example throughout the year. Share it with every parent you meet on set. If we each did that, we would change this industry (and maybe even the world)!

If you are unfamiliar with Bizparentz Foundation, we hope you will take the time to visit our website and see what we are about. The most amazing thing about Bizparentz, is that our organization is completely volunteer and supported by donations. The proceeds from the event today, along with donations received during the year, support those services all year round. If you would like to do more for Bizparentz (volunteerism, donations, etc), please shoot us an email...we need you!

To the 2007 awardees...CONGRATULATIONS! We are so proud of you!

Anne

Wow.. here we are again. It's a pleasure to see familiar faces as well as meet new families. I hope the significance of this day remains with each of you for a long time.
Those who know us may have wondered how this event would be, given the fact that Anne and I were 1,200 miles apart for the planning. I think you'll see you are getting 2 shows today as we both fell in love with elements and ideas we just couldn't let go of. Hopefully you will exit the doors with a revitalized spirit and appreciation for all that is good in our full and colorful lives!

Paula