

## VITA Board Member Honored Donna Groth Delhomme Memorial Award

VITA awarded Jerri Caillier the Donna Groth Delhomme Memorial Award at the 30th Annual Recognition Banquet on September 25, 2011. This award is presented in recognition of a special tutor, student or volunteer who best represents the dedicated service to others and a commitment to literacy.

Caillier, a VITA board member for 20 years has served as president of the board

and as chairman of various committees.

Born in Abbeville, La., Caillier received her B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from University of Louisiana @ Lafayette. She taught in St. Landry and Lafayette parishes and has served as a special education teacher, coordinator, and placement officer. Caillier has served as LPSS Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services and as acting

Superintendent.

Caillier has received many community awards, including Outstanding Women Leaders in Lafayette. She is very well known in the community, serving on the United Way Board of Directors and other local committees.

Married to Dr. James Caillier, Dr. and Mrs. Caillier have three children Jennifer, Gerard, and Sylvia.

## VITA, Local Agencies Collaborate to Improve Family Literacy

### LITERACY LINKS

A Partnership to Improve Family Literacy

Recently, VITA partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana and Girls Scouts of Louisiana: Pines to the Gulf to improve family literacy in Acadiana. The Literacy Links program is being presented to adult parents/guardians who have a K-5 daughter currently enrolled in the Lafayette Parish School System.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana will provide mentoring support for the young girls in the

Reading Readiness Program to improve reading skills.

Girl Scouts of Louisiana: Pines to the Gulf will foster a girl's potential through the Leadership Experience Program on the girl's chosen pathway.

VITA will help the parent/guardian improve his/her literacy, language and life skills to increase the parent's ability to engage in the child's education.

Any K-5 girl currently enrolled in

LPSS with a parent/guardian interested in strengthening his/her skills is eligible for the program. Also, any adult parent/guardian wishing to encourage a child to improve her reading skills by strengthening his/her own skills is eligible. Anyone interested in this program is urged to contact one of the participating agencies.

### Welcome to Our New Tutors June Workshop

Marshal Dupre	Terrie Levie
Colby Foreman	Linda Reif
Ashley Foreman	Stephanie St. Clair-Wright
Joshua Landry	Letha Woods

### Welcome to Our New Tutors September Workshop

Bryan Baker	Kathy Kochansky
Yvonne Bogan	Christine Meaux
Stephanie Broussard	William McGovern
Sharon Falgout	Amy Quinn
Lynn Gee	Deborah Rinaldi
Wendee Herold	Tanya Yentzen
Nicholas Istre	