



*Forsyth-Cumming Optimist Club*  
*"Bringing Out the Best in Kids"*



## Carl Cone Friend of Youth Award

One of the purposes of Optimist International is "to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, the community, and the world." Many people who are not members of an Optimist Club exemplify the same ideals that we, as Optimists, espouse.

There are many people in our own community who give of themselves in service to youth. One of these people was Carl Cone, who passed away in 1989. Carl demonstrated his commitment to youth and service to the community and earned the respect of all who knew him. The Forsyth-Cumming Optimist Club was especially fortunate to have had Carl as a member and leader.

After his death, his daughter found among his personal items an unrepresented proposal for a Friend of Youth Award; our Board at the time received and adopted Carl's idea, and voted to establish the Carl Cone Annual Friend of Youth Award in his honor.

This award is intended to be given to those whose investment in the youth of Forsyth County is unique and especially important. In invoking the memory of Carl Cone, this award recognizes those whose contributions to young people have gone above and beyond the call of duty; those who have unselfishly planted, watered and cultivated seeds of challenge, compassion, and encouragement in the lives of the Forsyth County young people; those whose lives follow a trail blazed by Carl Cone.