

CP of NYS Annual Award Recipient

ELKS AWARD



Patricia Gardner – Watervliet Lodge #1500

Patricia Gardner was chosen to receive this award because of her decades long commitment to supporting the Home Service Program and the mission of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State.

Ms. Gardner has been involved with the ELKS for 35 years and has worked with her husband to raise funds and awareness for CP of NYS and the Home Service Program for more than 30 years. She has family members with disabilities and also spent 27 years working in the field at the Center for Disability Services. “This is where my heart is,” she says. “I just follow my heart and do what I can.”

She and her husband have conducted a Turkey Shoot at the Watervliet Lodge for the past 30 years, raising more than \$60,000 for the ELKS Major Projects Fund in that time. More recently she helped start a music fest with other lodges in the area that raised more than \$15,000 in its first two years.

She and her husband have even made their fundraising programs a family affair, encouraging their children and then their grandchildren to help out at the Turkey Shoot each year.