

## Announcing the Karon Badalamenti Change Agent Scholarship

In honor of the passing of Karon Badalamenti, CPRE, (1961 – 2014), a professional development scholarship of up to \$500 will be awarded annually through the dedicated **Badalamenti Scholarship Fund** (sponsored by GreenPlay, GP RED, and private donations) for a parks and recreation and/or allied professional or student to attend a professional development opportunity offered by the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA).

### Background and Requirements for Recipients

Karon Badalamenti believed in personal and professional development throughout her career as a parks and recreation practitioner, consultant, and teacher. She embodied the spirit of a true entrepreneur with a public sector heart, and she was dedicated to using parks and recreation to create quality of life in our communities. The Review Committee will award this scholarship based on dedication to mirroring these identified qualities, intent related to innovations in management and planning excellence, commitment to public agency transparency and efficiency, and personal dedication to helping parks and recreation agencies thrive.



### 2014 Applications

As Karon passed away on June 9, 2014, the initial 2014 applications for a scholarship for the **CPRA Fall Annual Conference** registration fee and expenses (up to \$500) will be due by **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. For this scholarship in Colorado, applicants must be a current member of CPRA. Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted electronically to [scholarship@cpra-web.org](mailto:scholarship@cpra-web.org).

*Submittals will be reviewed by the Review Committee. Incomplete applications will not be held for supporting documentation and will not be considered. Additional scholarships may be made available as funding allows. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to GP RED, contact [info@qpred.org](mailto:info@qpred.org) or call 303-439-8369 to pay by credit card.*

To apply, please submit to [scholarship@cpra-web.org](mailto:scholarship@cpra-web.org):

- **Contact Information:** Name, address, phone, and email
- **Resume** including current title, employment history, education, and any certifications
- At least one **Letter of Reference** from a Professional Peer
- **Answers to these questions (maximum of 600 words total for all answers):**
  - How are you dedicated to using your talents to helping communities thrive?
  - How are you an agent of change and/or an innovator for better practices?
  - Why do you want to attend this professional development offering?
  - How will this scholarship help you attend, instead of making your own full personal or professional investment in this educational opportunity?

***The awarded 2014 recipient will be notified by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.***

