

## Palmyra Educator Receives Honor as Runner-Up in National Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year

Virginia educator Gayle von Keyserling was named as a runner-up for the national 2010 Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year award on April 11 at the National Conference on Family Literacy (NCFL) in San Antonio.

Mrs. von Keyserling, who specializes in adult education, GED preparation, and English as a Second Language, has worked at Families Learning Together in Palmyra for eight years. As part of the award given by Toyota and the National Center for Family Literacy, she received a scholarship to the NCFL conference and a \$500 grant for travel expenses.

"Research and results at family literacy centers throughout the country demonstrate that working with multiple generations is the best way to lift up the entire family," said Sharon Darling, president and founder of NCFL. "It increases their stability and financial well-being, and it opens the door of infinite possibility to them. Gayle's dedication is having an immediate and long-term impact not only on those families she touches but on the entire community."

### About NCFL

The National Center for Family Literacy, founded in 1989 and based in Louisville, Ky., is the worldwide leader in family literacy. More than a million families have made positive educational and economic gains as a result of NCFL's work, which includes training more than 150,000 teachers and thousands of volunteers. For more information, contact 1-877-FAMLIT-1 or visit [www.famlit.org](http://www.famlit.org) <<http://www.famlit.org/>.

### About Toyota

Since 1991, Toyota and NCFL have forged successful programs to promote family literacy in the United States. Today, the Toyota/NCFL partnership accounts for 256 family literacy sites in 50 cities and 30 states. As part of this partnership, the Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year award has been presented annually since 1997 and recognizes individual teachers' contributions to improving literacy among youth and adults. Additional information on Toyota's commitment to improving education nationwide is available at [www.toyota.com/about/our\\_commitment/philanthropy/education](http://www.toyota.com/about/our_commitment/philanthropy/education).

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Photo caption: From left, James M. Wiseman, chief communications officer and group vice president for Toyota Motor North America; Gayle von Keyserling, Families Learning Together in Palmyra; Sharon Darling, president and founder of the National Center for Family Literacy, are pictured at the National Conference on Family Literacy in San Antonio on April 11.

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