

## **Anne M. Shannon**

*Newly Appointed Consultant for Howe Developmental Center in Tinley Park*

### **Past successes for Illinois:**

- Successfully lead Aspire Illinois which assists more than 1,000 children and adults with disabilities each year with services focused on achieving potential and independence.
- Oversaw the opening of Eamon Shannon Aspire Children's Center which provides early intervention services including physical, occupational, speech, hearing, and feeding therapies to children ages newborn-three. It also provides similar services which supplement those mandated in the public schools for children ages three-eight.
- Assisted parents on including students with special needs in schools, educated teachers on teaching these students, and advised schools on providing support for these students.

### **Experience:**

- President and CEO, Aspire Illinois (1995 to 2006)
- Adjunct Faculty, Governors State University School of Education (1994 to 1996)
- Adjunct Faculty, Saint Xavier University School of Education (1988 to 1992)
- Adjunct Faculty, Montgomery College School of Education (1986 to 1987)
- Substitute Teacher, Berkeley School System (1969 to 1971)
- Textbook Author, Archdiocese of Chicago (1967 to 1969)
- Teacher, Archdiocese of Chicago (1958-1967)

### **Board Positions:**

- Member, Saint Xavier University School of Education Advisory Council
- Board Chairperson & Director, COACH Care Center
- Board Director, SAFY of America
- Member, Village of Western Springs Police and Fire Commission
- Board Chairperson, Management Association of Illinois
- Board Chairperson, Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention
- Member, Illinois Department of Human Services Facility Advisory Committee
- Member, South Suburban Network Advisory Council
- Parent representative on disability issues, Illinois Goals 2000 Panel
- Statewide Parent Coordinator, Illinois State Board of Education
- Board President and Director, Community Support Services
- Member, Village of Western Springs Recreation Commission
- Member, Illinois State Board of Education, Parent Advisory Panel on CHOICES project
- Consultant, LaGrange Department of Special Ed
- Board Chairperson & Member, Montgomery County Commission on Handicapped Individuals
- Member and PTA President, ARC of Montgomery County

### **Education:**

- Trinity College, M.A. in Education (1984)
- Saint Xavier University, B.A. in Education (1966)

### **Personal Information:**

- Birth date: 10/14/1939
- Anne Shannon lives in Western Springs, Illinois with her husband, Peter Shannon, Jr.
- Helped her son Eamon, who had Down Syndrome, be the first student in Illinois with a developmental disability to fully participate in his junior high and high school.