

## 2010 KSNO Recognition Award

The Recognition Award is awarded to **Marlou Wegener**. Ms. Wegener is Chief Operating Officer for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation. The mission of Blue Cross and Blue Shields is to help Kansans improve their cardiovascular health and reduce the risk of disease through increased physical activity and healthy nutrition. School nurses have been targeted for grant funding, as the BCBS Foundation Board recognizes the budgetary challenges school districts are facing and know that school nurses are on the front-lines in schools, leading the charge to ensure our students are healthy and safe. Marlou has been instrumental in providing the BCBS Foundation Board with information and support of these dollars being awarded to school nurses. Marlou is aware of the role of the registered nurse in the school setting and understands the powerful impact school nurses have on educating and empowering our students and staff.

a walking program for K-2 students, teaches hygiene classes, promotes physical activity at all levels and carries all this into the community. She has a love of community, a love of life, and a love of youth.

I would also like to recognize Valarie Rainma