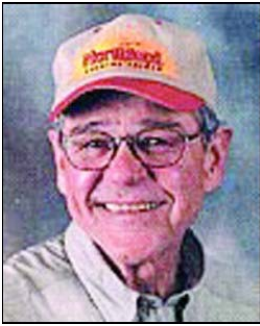


MARV KOEP
RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS EVERETT LASSIG AWARD



June 18 and 19 were special days at Confidence Learning Center as they conducted the 27th Classic Fishing Tournament and the 37th Classic Golf Tournament. These events raise money to provide outdoor learning experiences for people with developmental disabilities. One of the highlights of the Sertoma Mariucci Fiesta, which is held at Camp on Friday during the fundraiser to bring the golfers and fishermen to Camp, is the presentation of the Everett Lassig Award. Confidence Learning Center chose Marv Koep who has fished in every one of those twenty-seven tournaments as its honoree!

Everett Lassig was a noted businessman in Brainerd who got involved with Confidence Learning Center and helped to start the annual fundraiser. He turned his restaurant and lounge into a center to promote the event and became a walking ambassador for Camp. The award is given to the person who has continued this tradition of supporting the Classic and Camp program. Past recipients include Tom Green, John Beyer, Pat Smith, the Brainerd Jaycees and Nick Adams to mention just a few. Last year's award went to Mike Boen from BL Broadcasting.

Jeff Olson, Executive Director at Confidence Learning Center was honored to present this award to a man he described as "a fantastic recipient of this award". Marv has always stressed that the tournament is not about winning; it is about having fun and supporting Camp. This event has raised a million and a half dollars that has funneled into the Camp program. The guides who have been a part of the Classic for years have credited Marv in promoting this event and getting them involved. Every guide donates his time and his boat to the event, which allows Camp to sell a fishing trip to participants to support Campers at Confidence Learning Center. Jeff remarked, "Marv did not receive this award for his fishing ability but because he has shown outstanding commitment to campers." Marv's latest efforts include working with Camp's partner group, Fishing Has No Boundaries. He is the epitome of the "Classic Spirit" which involves participants, guides, staff, and volunteers who put together this event for one reason only, to provide more chances for people with developmental disabilities to enjoy the outdoors and develop personal skills in the process.