

## DAY OF CARING PROJECT PROJECTS NICELY FOR WILSON



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Volunteers from ConocoPhillips installed projectors in classrooms at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School on Monday and Thursday as part of a Day of Caring project organized by the Bartlesville Regional United Way. Pictured, ConocoPhillips' Martin Mazzo and Debbie Champon, of the Bartlesville Public School District's technology department, work in a classroom on Monday afternoon. By the time the two-day project was completed at Wilson, 16 new projectors had been installed throughout the school. Four volunteers from ConocoPhillips worked on the project with assistance from the BPSD's technology department.

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the program. In addition to offering the opportunity for mentoring and college scholarships to the students who are involved, the LFYSP has added new components recently. Among them are free dental exams for students and their parents, a dental care fund and a money management program.

"When the Lowes see a need, they figure out a way to address it," says Dew. "Their impact goes way beyond the students involved in the program."

The Lowes were presented with the 2009 Ray G. Steiner "Champions" Award by George Halkiades, a member of the state board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma and a past president of the Bartlesville chapter, and Dew.

"It's very nice to be recognized," says Barry W. Lowe, who has been a member of the Bartlesville Board of Education since 2001. "The fact that this award is given out so rarely makes it very special.

"This award is for everyone within the Lowe Fam-

ily Young Scholars Program, not just Karen and I. We are simply at the forefront."

Past winners of the Ray Steiner "Champions" Award include George Halkiades (2006), Kent Stroman (2005), Carolyn Jenner (2004), Clark Miller (2003), Donna Williams (2002), Mary Jane Hagenson (2000) and Debbie Cobb (1999).

Big Brothers Big Sisters seeks to make a positive impact in the lives of children by matching them with positive role models. Those mentors spend quality time with the youth, sharing activities of mutual interest and encouraging the importance of a good education, getting along well with their families and steering clear of negative lifestyle choices. Those who would like to learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma can call the Bartlesville office at 336-5437 or visit [www.bbbsok.org](http://www.bbbsok.org).

Those who would like to learn more about the LFYSP can contact the main office at Jane Phillips Elementary (336-9479) or visit the LFYSP web site at [www.loweyoungscholar.org](http://www.loweyoungscholar.org).