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## RIVERBEND CELEBRATION

# Margaret Cassidy honored for work with Riverbend and area's children



Riverbend Executive Director Laurie Bachman (right) congratulates Margaret "Marge" Cassidy for her work with Riverbend and area children as well as her retirement after 50 years with the nonprofit ASTM International

**GLADWYNE** » Riverbend Environmental Education Center recently honored Margaret "Marge" Cassidy from ASTM International for her advocacy and philanthropy in the Bridgeport, Conshohocken, West Conshohocken, and Norristown communities. Cassidy will retire as ASTM's treasurer at the end of January after more than 50 years of service with ASTM, a nonprofit organization and one of the largest voluntary standards development organizations in the world.

It was Cassidy's vision for local engagement that inspired Riverbend to honor her work. "When ASTM moved to West Conshohocken 20 years ago, they began investing in the local community," said Riverbend Executive Director, Laurie Bachman. "Valuing Riverbend's mission, it was Marge who sought out Riverbend to bring hands-on science enrichment to chil-

dren attending nearby elementary schools."

Each year, ASTM contributes to programs in the region that reflect the organization's values. Because of ASTM's global leadership in fields such as engineering and the environment, Cassidy enlisted Riverbend to bring science programs to children attending nearby elementary schools. This planted the seed for Riverbend's programs that to bring nature into the lives of children living in lower income communities.

"Riverbend has always had a special place in my heart," Cassidy said. "The work that Riverbend does to educate and inspire young people is critically important to ensuring a bright future for them, for our community, and for our world." In 2015 alone, more than 400 children benefited from ASTM's contributions to Riverbend.

"Thanks to Marge's lead-

ership at ASTM, Riverbend has served many thousands of children in Bridgeport, Conshohocken and the Norristown Area School District over the past two decades," Bachman said. "The teachers see how these programs engage and excite young learners, many who have never had the opportunity to hold a real turtle, explore a stream or birdwatch prior to their exposure to Riverbend's programs."

Riverbend Environmental Education Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization located in 1950 Spring Mill Road Gladwyne. The preserve is located on 30 acres, open 7 days a week for visitors. Riverbend offers a full menu of environmental education programs including school curriculum, teacher training, school field trips, exploration camp, public programs, weekly nature classes and special events.