



Judy M. Robinet

Founding Executive Director

Judy M. Robinet, MSpEd, O&M, ECE, an Early Childhood Educator, Parent Effectiveness Instructor, Child and Family Counsellor, and Orientation and Mobility Specialist, is the driving force behind ALWL. She promotes the ALWL vision and directs the strategic planning for A Life Worth Living and the Online Resource Centre. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations, she builds awareness of A Life Worth Living's vision, serves as Bingo Co-Chair and sits on the Friends of A Life Worth Living Committee.

She was a Child and Family Counselor for CNIB (formerly known as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind) from 1989-1994, a board member for a provincial parent organization, VIEWS—For the Visually Impaired (serving a maximum term of seven years), and a member of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation.

Her achievements include authorship of the book *A Life Worth Living*, contributor to the Parent Information Kit, guest lecturer at post-secondary institutions, and presenter at national and international conferences. Along with Jeff Beach, an Honours Psychology graduate, and Dr. Julie Hakim-Larson, Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Windsor, Judy co-authored research on self-esteem and independent living which was published in the *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, Nov-Dec. 1995.

Recognized for her contributions, Judy has received the Lions International President's Certificate (1998), the Ontario Community Action Award (2000), the Helen Keller Award (2001), the 2017 St. Clair College Alumni of Distinction Award and a Melvin Jones Fellowship (2019).