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"Minnesota Child Care Advocate of the Year" Award 2009 Nominations

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Dear Providers, Licensors, and Colleagues:

Child Care Advocate of the Year 2009 nominations are open now through February 1, 2009. Please read the guidelines and use the nomination form included in this mailing.

Nominees may be an individual or organization that has demonstrated outstanding advocacy for the family child care field, extraordinary service to MLFCCA, and/or exemplifies a lifetime commitment to the child care field. This award will be presented at the Week of the Family Child Care Provider Recognition Banquet on Saturday evening, May 1st, 2009 held at the Best Western Hotel in Mankato, MN.

The history: In 1997 MLFCCA initiated the Child Care Advocate of the Year Award for lifelong commitment to licensed family child care. Jim Eyer of Anoka County was the first to receive the honor; he is a long-time advocate of family child care and instrumental in the conception of the Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference. Subsequent recipients have been Tom Copeland, Tutti Sherlock, Estelle Griffen, Mary B. Pabst, Deb Fitzwater–Dewey, Barbara O’Sullivan, Vicki Thrasher Cronin, Roxy Chuchna, Maureen Hams, the late Judy Lindman, Beverly Herr, and Joyce Froschheiser.

You may call the office at 651-636-1989 or 1-800-652-9704 to leave a message or call me at home in the evening or weekends at 763-754-2365.

I look forward to your response and nominations.

Sincerely,

Kathy Baumgart
President, MLFCCA

Mark your calendars:

May 2 - 12 is MLFCCA's 2009 Week of the Family Child Care Provider

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National Provider Appreciation Day is Friday, May 11



Child Care Advocate of the Year Award Nomination

Selection Criteria Guidelines

- Must have demonstrated outstanding advocacy for the family child care field, early childhood education, and advocacy for the quality of the lives of children.
- Must have been in the child care arena more than five years by the February 1st deadline.
- May have shown extraordinary service to Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association through volunteerism, technical support, partnership, or collaborations.
- May have shown a longtime commitment to the child care field such as twenty or more years as a family child care provider, service to their community or county agency, Resource and Referral, Child and Adult Food Program, or support to family child care associations.
- Nominees may be a family child care provider, licensor, educator, mentor, or support person at a Child and Adult Care Food Program, educational institution, or public health field.
- Nominees may be nominated more than once in a calendar year by different groups.
- Nominees for Child Care Advocate of the Year may not be nominated again for a period of five years.
- Current members of the MLFCCA Executive Committee or the Week of the Family Child Care Provider Conference Committee are ineligible for nomination.
- Nominees will be screened by a panel representing a variety of fields of work.

Checklist for Submission of Advocate Nominee

- Submit the MLFCCA 2009 "Child Care Advocate of the Year" Nomination form. If another group has already nominated an advocate, only one set of documentation is required.
- Submit nominee's resume.
- Supply at least two letters of recommendation from the nominee's co-workers, supervisor, peers, clients, or colleagues.
- Deadline for Nomination paperwork is February 1, 2009.
- Nominations must be postmarked or e-marked by that date to be considered by the Advocate Selection Committee. The 2009 Advocate will be selected by March 1st.
- Supply one digital photograph of nominee with photo release. Photo becomes property of Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association and cannot be returned.
- The digital photo must be sent no later than April 1st, 2009 to kathy.baumgart@mlfcca.org

Thank you for your participation!

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Deadline is February 1st, 2009

Please print carefully and verify spellings before submission.

Nominee's Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

Organization or Business _____

Address _____

City _____, Minnesota Zip Code _____

Day Phone (_____) _____ Evening Phone (_____) _____

Email _____ Fax (_____) _____

Submitted by (Name) _____

Organization, Agency or Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone (_____) _____ Evening Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

1. For what selection criteria was the nominee chosen? (see selection criteria guidelines)

