

**Coming Together for Children**



## **Hearts and Hands Award 2023 Nomination Form**

**To: Community Members of Cabarrus and Stanly County**

**Do you know someone special who works with young children in our area?**

**The Hearts and Hands Award** has been established to recognize the contributions of early childcare professionals who support a high-quality preschool experience. These professionals play a critical role in a child's educational, physical, social and emotional development by nurturing a child's confidence, inspiring their imagination and creativity, and by advocating for the well-being of children and their families. The CTFC Committee would like to recognize outstanding professionals, one in each category below, who make a difference in the lives of young children of Cabarrus or Stanly County.

### **Eligibility**

Nominations are open to all preschool professionals of Cabarrus or Stanly County. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former employee of a Cabarrus and/or Stanly County full or part-day early childcare facility or church-based program, a homecare provider or public, charter or private school or agency serving children 0-8.
- Has worked in, or in support of, early childcare a minimum of three years.
- Be nominated by a person affiliated with the preschool program (e.g. colleague, administrator, supervisor, parent of a student, preschool board member etc.)
- Cannot be a past recipient of the Hearts and Hands Award
- Be in good standing with no active contractual infractions and/or recent state licensing violations.

### **Selection Process**

Nominations will be screened and scored by a panel of non-partial educators and early childhood education experts, looking at the following...

#### **Criteria:**

- A commitment to excellence in teaching or service; a willingness to go "above and beyond."
- Enthusiasm for the care and education of young children.
- Positive relationships with colleagues, the preschool and the community.
- Nominations must be **received by February 10, 2023**
- Awards will be presented at the Annual Coming Together for Children Conference to be held this year on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Crossroads Church 220 George W Liles Pkwy NW Concord NC  
The Awards Ceremony will begin at 12:15 in the church sanctuary.

Please use the following form to nominate an individual for The Hearts and Hands Award

# Hearts and Hands Award Nomination Form

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ School/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee's supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ School/Program Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section I: General Information

The individual above is nominated for: (please check one)

- Child Care/Daycare, Preschool or School Director/ Program Chair/Executive Director of the Year
- Family/Home Child Care Professional of the Year
- Community Leader (Employee or volunteer of any agency that assists young children in our community)
- Full-Day Child Care/Daycare Teacher or Assistant of the Year (includes NC Pre-K Teachers, K-2 teachers & college instructors/professors)
- Support Staff of the Year (includes cooks, administrative staff, agency support, maintenance or cleaning staff)
- Part-Day Preschool, Teacher or Assistant of the Year

## Section II: Information about the Nominee

Please submit a statement that includes answers to the following questions and does not exceed 500 words.

- Based on the criteria listed, why do you believe this person should be chosen for this honor?
- How has this person contributed to a high- quality early childcare experience for children in the classroom/school?
- Explain any noteworthy accomplishments.
- Explain (if known) how this person has worked to improve the lives of, or advocated for children beyond the work setting.

Please attach your statement to this form. **Nominations must be received by February 10, 2023**

Email to: Christy Hopkins [chopkins5545@stanly.edu](mailto:chopkins5545@stanly.edu) (Write "NOMINATION" in your subject line.)

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