

Hearts and Hands Award: Nomination Form

Directors: Please copy this form and share with your preschool staff, parents and board members.

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 social, educational 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 NCAeyc Cabarrus/Stanly may honor up to five outstanding preschool 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 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 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.)
- Be in good standing with no active contractual infractions and/or recent state licensing violations.

Selection Process

Applications will be screened and scored by a panel of non-partial educators and early childhood education experts.

- Applications must be **received by February 1, 2018**
- Awards will be presented at the Annual Coming Together for Children Conference to be held this year on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Crossroads Church 220 George W Liles Pkwy NW Concord NC. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 12:15 in the church sanctuary.
- 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.

Use the back of this form to nominate an individual for The Coming Together for Children annual

Hearts and Hands Award!



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 or Preschool Director/ Program Chair/Executive Director of the Year
- Family Child Care Professional of the Year
- Child Care 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 the 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 1, 2018**

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

Or mail to: Christy Hopkins Stanly Community College 141 College Drive Albemarle, NC 28001

For questions please call Christy Hopkins 704-991-0316

