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Mercer County Executive

Dear Community Member:

The Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children and the Cherish the Children Foundation are proud to announce the 33rd Annual Cherish the Children Awards acknowledging outstanding service to youth in Mercer County.

Three categories of awards will be distributed to a volunteer who works with youth in Mercer County:

- **Administration:** A volunteer such as a board or advisory member who actively participates in the administration of an agency
- **Program:** A volunteer who works directly with agency clients
- **Organization:** A volunteer who donates services, organized or sponsored an event, or otherwise demonstrated support for an agency

One award will be presented to a (paid) Professional

- Who works on behalf of children in Mercer County and exemplifies a commitment to enhancing the quality of life of Mercer County children;
- Whose work goes above and beyond the bounds of the workday; and dedication and commitment is an inspiration to colleagues.

The Cherish the Children Foundation, which generates private resources to support the commission's activities, will present monetary awards to the agencies that nominated winning volunteers. Agencies that have won in prior years are eligible to nominate volunteers.

In addition, the Mercer County Youth Services Commission again will honor Mercer County high school students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the Mercer County community and whose dedication can serve as an inspiration to others.

Please use the enclosed nomination forms to nominate a volunteer, professional or high school student. Please use one form per nomination. Nominations are due by **Friday, January 17, 2020.**

The awards will be presented at a dinner banquet to be held **April 15, 2020** during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Invitations will be mailed separately.

If you have any questions regarding the forms, please contact Yolanda León at 609-989-6966.

Thank you,

Jennifer Downing, Chairperson
Commission on Abused, Neglected, and Missing Children



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2020 Cherish the Children Volunteer Awards Nomination Form

The purpose of the Cherish the Children Volunteer Awards is to acknowledge the contributions of currently active volunteers who donate their time to better the lives of Mercer County youth.

Please print or type information.

Please select ONE category (refer to definitions).

Administration ____ Program ____ Organization ____

Nominee's name _____

Nominee's address _____

Nominee's phone number _____

Nominating organization _____

Nominee's position with agency _____

Nominating organization address _____

Nominating organization phone number _____

Name of nominator _____

Title of nominator _____

Signature of nominator _____

Please use additional pages to provide the following information on your nominee:

1. His or her history of involvement with the agency.
2. Brief biographical sketch of nominee.

Please return the nomination form and biography no later than Friday, January 17, 2020 by noon (PLEASE CONSIDER MAIL TIME) to the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children at 640 S. Broad St., P.O. Box 8068, Trenton, N.J. 08650-0068. Fax them to 609-989-6032 (Attention: Yolanda León) or email to yleon@mercercounty.org .

All nominators will be notified once decisions are made.



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2020 Cherish the Children Professional Award Nomination Form

The purpose of the Cherish the Children Professional Award is to acknowledge the contributions of a paid professional (i.e. teacher, case manager, police officer, etc.) in Mercer County who exemplifies a commitment to enhancing the quality of life of Mercer County youth and serves as an inspiration to colleagues.

Please print or type information.

Nominee's name _____

Nominee's address _____

Nominee's phone number _____

Nominating organization _____

Nominee's position with agency _____

Nominating organization address _____

Nominating organization phone number _____

Name of nominator _____

Title of nominator _____

Signature of nominator _____

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