



Project Harmony's Kids First Nomination October 1, 2019

It is that time of year! Project Harmony is taking nominations for the Kid's First Awards. This annual award is designed to honor and recognize an individual or group who have made significant contributions to the well-being of abused and neglected children and/or children at risk for abuse or neglect. The nomination form lists more specific criteria --- nominations "from the heart" are the best!

I hope you will take a few moments to think of someone you would like to recognize for his/her efforts on behalf of children. This award has become a special way for the partner agencies, Project Harmony Board of Directors, staff, and the community-at-large to honor and say thank you to an individual or group on an annual basis.

The 2020 recipients will be recognized at the **Project Harmony's *Speaking of Children* Luncheon on THURSDAY April 9th 2020, at the CHI Health Conference Center Downtown Omaha. This event will include a 2 day conference in partnership with the United States Attorney's Office – Nebraska District, and Children's Hospital & Medical Center providing training and educational opportunities for professionals responding to children in need.**

On behalf of the selection committee, thank you so much for taking time to consider nominating someone for this award! Attached is the nomination form, which can be emailed to (gklein@projectharmony.com) or faxed (402-595-1329) to us by noon November 4th, 2019

Please call me, at (402) 595-1326, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gene Klein
Executive Director

Nomination Forms Due: November 4, 2019

Thank you to those of you who have nominated people for the Kids First Award these past years. Through your thoughtfulness and efforts, we have honored:

<p>2000 Leigh Ann Retelsdorf, Douglas County Attny</p> <p>2001 Lt. John Lehotyak, Omaha Police Dept</p> <p>2002 Penny Parker, Campfire USA</p> <p>2003 Kathy Lange, NHHS Child Protective Svs</p> <p>2004 Kim Hawekotte, Douglas County Attny</p> <p>2005 Jackie Simmons, NHHS Child Protective Svs</p> <p>2006 Beth Schragger, Community Volunteer Marti Arndt, NHHS Child Protective Svs Steve Miller, Bellevue Police Dept</p> <p>2007 Project Linus Community Organization</p> <p>2008 Helen Sinh, MD Project Harmony Pediatrician</p> <p>2008 Nicole Goaley, Douglas County Attny's Office Trevor O'Brien, Omaha Police Dept Judy Kay, Child Saving Institute Kelly Brumm, NHHS Child Protective Services</p> <p>2009 Cathy Ronk, Council Bluffs Police Dept Tricia Freeman, Sarpy County Attny's Office Ronda Newman, NHHS Child Protective Svs</p> <p>2010 Jennifer Crystal-Clark, Douglas County Attny Barbara Jessing, Heartland Family Service Gary Perkins, Children's Hospital & Medical Center Jackie Rickert, Iowa Dept of Human Services Teresa Thorson, Omaha Police Department</p> <p>2011 Kathy Bigsby Moore, Voices for Children Dan McGinn, Pottawattamie County Attorney Bob Owens, NHHS Child Protective Services Mary Bennett- Schulte, Children's Hospital & Medical Center</p>	<p>2012 Brenda Beadle, Douglas County Attny's Office Sally Kaplan, Project Harmony Lance Worley, Omaha Police Department</p> <p>2013 Stephanie Clark, Nebraska Families Collaborative Jeremy Kinsey, LaVista Police Department Amanda Nawrocki, NHHS Hotline</p> <p>2014 Mike Barker, Children's Square USA Georgie Scurfield, Sarpy CASA Schalisha Walker, Project Everlast Brenda Wheeler, Douglas County Sherriff</p> <p>2015 Stephanie Hansen, Jennifer Miralles, and Kathy Healey-Sarpy Co. Attny's Office; Judge Kathleen Kilnoski- Pottawattamie County; Vickie Peyton, Nebraska Children's Home Society</p> <p>2016 Jude Connelly, LMHP, LCSW, Child Saving Institute Joanna Halbur, LIMFT, Child Saving Institute Sharon Martin, Boys Town Hotline Suzie Mistry-Gerloff, LMHP, Children's Physicians</p> <p>2017 Tom Incontro, JD- Guardian ad Litem Molly Keene, JD- Deputy Douglas County Attorney Marlene Novotny- Sergeant, Omaha Police Department</p> <p>2018 Ryan Roskey- Bellevue Police Dept. Mary Jo Pankoke- Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Betsy Funk- Omaha Therapy and Arts Collaborative Jean Bohnker- Early Childhood and Family Support, Family Inc- SW Iowa</p> <p>2019 Dana Harrah, Sarpy County Sherriff Lakeisha Phelps, Nebraska Family Support Network Lana Sayre, NHHS, Child Protective Services</p>
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2020 Kids First Award Nomination

Purpose: Annual award to honor a professional or volunteer in our region (eastern Nebraska and western Iowa) who has made a significant impact in the field of child abuse in the area(s) of: victim services, victim education, systems issues, or prevention education.

Criteria may include:

- Professional or volunteer currently active in field of child advocacy
- Made significant, long-term contributions to the well-being of children
- Helped establish new collaborations between agencies or had a significant impact on “systems”
- Demonstrates a vision where children’s best interests are at the forefront of professionals’ activities – i.e., “Kids First” philosophy

Nominee’s Name:

Phone:

Nominee’s Agency:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Explain how this person has positively impacted our community’s children:

Your Name:

Phone:

Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Please email or fax this form by noon **November 4, 2019** to: Gene Klein, Project Harmony,
Fax: (402) 595-1329 gklein@ProjectHarmony.com