

The

# Mary M. Good Humanitarian Service Award

The Fairfield County Family and Children First Council created a tribute to Mary M. Good for her years of compassion and service to the community on behalf of children and families.

Mary M. Good was a teacher with the Lancaster City Schools, Christian educator at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, park leader with the United Way Summer Park program in Pleasantville, Peace School coordinator, social worker, scout leader, and so much more. Mary had a passion for children and the arts. Mary's life was cut short in January of 2002, leaving a void in the Lancaster and Fairfield County community. It is hoped that this award will encourage and recognize others who share Mary M. Good's zest for children, for life and for taking the "road less traveled".

**The Mary M. Good Humanitarian Service Award** will go to **someone who exemplifies Mary's dedication to the cause of nurturing and protecting children and families** by his/her day-in and day-out efforts in the Fairfield County community. This person can be a paid employee, a volunteer for an organization, an "everyday citizen," or a combination of these characteristics. In whatever role, the winner will be someone who has regular, direct contact with children and families, and personifies the principles for which Mary stood. Sometimes such a person is described as "front-line" or "grass roots," as opposed to being an administrator or executive or policy-maker. The nominee must be a Fairfield County resident.

## **The recipient will be someone**

- **who has demonstrated a commitment to achieving positive results for the children and families** with whom he/she works by, for example, going the "extra mile" in providing service.
- **who recognizes that service to families and children is not a "9-5" job**, someone whose work blends with their daily life.
- **who has persevered for the "long haul"** to make a difference in the lives of people who live in Fairfield County. In other words, the Award will not be considered a "lifetime achievement" award going only to someone at or near the end of his/her career.

The Council recognizes that our community is blessed with many tireless workers who meet this description and who add, little by little, day by day, to the achievement of one of our community's most important desired outcomes – better lives for children and families. The award judges are being asked to consider a group of “unsung heroes,” and somehow choose the most deserving “unsung hero”. Their task will be difficult.

Well-written nominations will help them. It is up to the writer to capture the dedication and passion of the nominee and make him/her come alive for the judges.

## **SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

All entries must be delivered to Family, Adult and Children First, 108 West Main Street, Suite B, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 by Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 4:00 PM. Nominations may also be submitted via email to [bedwards@co.fairfield.oh.us](mailto:bedwards@co.fairfield.oh.us), **however must contain all of the requested information**. A nomination form must be included. FAXed nominations will not be accepted.

### **Attach the following to the Nomination Form:**

- no more than three double-spaced, single sided 8 ½ x 11 pages for answering the questions below.
- no more than three single-sided 8 ½ x 11 pages of supplementary information such as newspaper articles, letters of support, etc.

Only the number of pages specified above will be submitted to the judges.

For a nomination to be considered, **the following questions must be answered separately and in the order given**. Please be concise, but comprehensive.

1. Describe the nominee's dedication to the cause of nurturing and serving children and families by his/her day-in and day-out efforts in the Fairfield County community. Include a description of the nominee's regular, direct contact with children and families. Include a statement of the length of time the nominee has spent in his/her efforts as well as any long-lasting positive effects.
2. Describe the impact of the nominee's service to children and families. How have they made a difference?
3. What is creative or unique about the manner in which the nominee performs his or her work? What sets the nominee apart from the ordinary?

The nomination forms and supplementary materials become the property of the Office of Family and Children First and cannot be returned.

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## 2010 NOMINATION FORM

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if not affiliated with any organization, state relationship to nominee): \_\_\_\_\_

**Verification:** (Two references who may be contacted to verify the scope and extent of the nominee's activities. References cannot include the nominee or relatives of the nominee.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for submission of the nomination form, answers to questions and supplementary information is Wednesday November 25, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to:

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