The ECE Awards 2021

Resiliency Award $100 and a keepsake SPECIAL AWARD FOR 2021

Sponsored by Fostering Brant's Growth in Early Learning Sub Committee

This award is open to a program or individual Can be self-nominated

During these unprecedented times, we've witnessed the Early Childhood community overcome incredible obstacles by demonstrating innovation, grit and resiliency. Our 2021 annual RECE Award Event has transformed into an online evening of recognition and will honor the more than 1500 early learning professionals who have demonstrated their ability to quickly adapt and respond to disruptions in the face of the global pandemic and the economic hardship that it has caused. Nominees will be required to submit a video explaining how COVID-19 impacted their personal professional or center experience and how they've changed their operations and outlook to adapt. *Video to be no longer than 2 minutes – professional quality NOT expected. Taped from a personal device and submitted via email to Kids Can Fly.*

- Nominees must have been employed or have been an operating program in Brantford/ Brant/Six Nations/New Credit September 2020 – August 2021
- Nominees must be employed at the time of nomination
- Nominees can be an RECE or support staff or a licensed child care provder
- *Nominees will be asked for permission to show their video at the awards event should they be the winner*

RISING STAR AWARD: Basket of Teaching Resources and a Certificate.

Sponsored by the Early On Centre- Brant

Peer nomination - Recognizing an early learning, post-secondary student, who embodies and demonstrates the professional image and values of an early childhood educator, through their actions and character. *Must have been practicing within Brant, Six Nations or New Credit*

EARLY LEARNING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: $300 + A PLAQUE

Sponsored by CONESTOGA COLLEGE

Peer Nomination. This prestigious award recognizes the exceptional contributions of a Registered Early Childhood Educator. This leader is inspirational in their work with children, families and community. They embody and exemplify excellence by upholding and surpassing the values, integrity and fine attributes of the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics of an Early Childhood Educator. Through their dedication and skill, they motivate, empower and engage others. *Must have been working within Brant, Six Nations or New Credit*

EARLY LEARNING SPIRIT AWARD: $100 AND A PHYSICAL KEEP SAKE

Sponsored by the YMCA Child Care.

Peer nomination. Open to volunteers, foster parents, all centre staff other than RECE's, librarians, assistants, board members etc. This award recognizes an individual whose work

makes a significant difference in the lives of young children, families and/or colleagues, through their daily contributions with Brant, Six Nations or the New Credit communities.

MAKING EVERY KID MATTER **$100 AND A PHYSICAL KEEP SAKE**
Sponsored by Lansdowne Children's Centre.
Peer nomination - This award recognizes a dedicated Early Learning Professional who demonstrates exemplary inclusive practices with young children. *Must have been working within Brant, Six Nations or New Credit*

DONN ZVER LOVE OF READING AWARD: $100. AND A PHYSICAL KEEPSAKE
Sponsored by Kids Can Fly
This award will recognize an outstanding individual who is working to nurture and promote the love of reading within young children. They may have demonstrated a commitment to expand children's access to books, encouraged reading and literacy activities and/or participated in events or programs which provide literacy related experiences. They may be working front line with children or parents or be involved with a planning board, service club or agency whose goal is to raise awareness of the importance of early literacy. Their efforts would have helped to provide the means to do so – as exemplified by Donn Zver. *Open to any community member within Brant, Six Nations or New Credit. Does NOT have to be an early learning professional.*

THE PARENTS CHOICE AWARD: **$200 and a Certificate**
Sponsored by The Dey Family in recognition of the loving care received by their children
Parent/caregiver nominated award which recognizes an RECE who demonstrates exceptional caring, compassion, empathy and acceptance to children and support of their families. *Must have been working within Brant, Six Nations or New Credit*

JEANNINE TURNBULL MEMORIAL AWARD: GIFT BASKET OF ITEMS LOVED BY JEANNINE .
Sponsored by Wee Watch Licensed Home Child Care (Luisa Pappert)
To be awarded to a home child care provider affiliated with a licensed agency who demonstrates the characteristics of Jeannine =energy, enthusiasm and embraces the "How Does Learning Happen?" pedagogy while providing healthy home cooked meals and tender loving care to the children and families they touch**.**

The NANCY CORKE'*JOY OF NATURE AWARD*": **$500**. to *be used to further enhance the children's outdoor enjoyment such as additional playground development, toys, or a field trip.*
Can self-nominate or can be nominated by a peer or parent.
"Nanc enjoyed a career nurturing young child and was extremely passionate about sharing the joys of nature with them. This award was created to honour her memory and to encourage us to follow her example. It will recognize a Centre or Program located within Brant, Six Nations or New Credit that demonstrates innovation to provide children with quality outdoor activities or experiences. Application must include photos as well as a write up explaining the details around the experience or learning opportunities and how they relate to nature for young children.