

Children Champion 2010 Award

Nomination Form

Meriden Children First

What is the Children Champion?

Each fall, Meriden Children First recognizes two or three people who go 'above and beyond' for Meriden's children. The Champion need not be a local celebrity or someone in the newspaper every day. S/he can be a neighbor, a police officer, a teacher – anyone who cares deeply about kids and shows that concern by volunteering, raising awareness on children's issues, motivating others to act on behalf of children or taking on an innovative activity or unique project that impacts and/or improves children's lives.



CFI selects people to recognize from nominations that come from people like you.

Who do YOU think should be this year's Children Champion?

Person you want to nominate: _____

Their address and phone number (if you have): _____

Also include names and contact info for **two references** for your nominee.

Two Champion Categories (check one):

- Someone employed in the field of education/children/families
- Someone who volunteers in schools or with children/families

Why should this person to be recognized as a Champion?

(write at least 100 words; feel free to work with others; attach more pages if needed)

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

The Fine Print: Note that you can't nominate yourself, a member of your family, or people who work for you. No current staff or Board members of Children First are eligible. Nominee need not be a Meriden resident, but must serve/work with/benefit Meriden children.

Past Children Champions

2009

- Don Maletto, Boys and Girls Club
- Beth Donlan, parent volunteer

2008

- Cliff Comerford, Beat the Street
- Frank Olcheski, Cub Scout Troop #22

2007

- Hubbard Park Playground Committee: Dawn N.-Reynolds, Maryann Santos, Joan Goodman
- Children's Department, Meriden Public Library
- Cindy Eddy, St. Andrew's Preschool (School Readiness Preschool Teacher of the Year)

2006

- Trevor Thorpe (for his work to advance full-day kindergarten)
- Audrey Burke (retired Director of Pupil Personnel, Meriden Board of Education)

2005

- Hilda Santiago and Geri Kogut (past chairs of Children First and graduates of Parent Leadership Training Institute)

2004

- Eddie Siebert and Clem Kasinskas (for their creation of the 'Early Years Matter' DVD project)
- Rachel Makwana, Record-Journal reporter



If you are submitting more than one nomination, please copy the form.

Deadline for submission is Friday, August 13, 2010

Return the completed form to Children First at 105 Miller Street, fax to 203-630-2423,
or email to dwradcliffe@juno.com

If you have any questions, contact 203-630-3566.

www.meridenchildrenfirst.org

Champions will be recognized at the annual meeting of Meriden Children First on
Wednesday, October 20, 6:00 p.m.