

Annual Awards

2016 Together We Can Child Advocate Awards

The legal and social work fields lost two people who were incredibly strong advocates for children. We have chosen to honor Catherine Lafleur and Linda Christmas with awards within their areas of service each year. Both embodied the love, the passion and determination needed to be a very special advocate for children. We hope you will consider nominating someone special for the 2016 awards. The criteria for nominees are on the next page.

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE TOGETHER WE CAN HONOR AWARDS

Eligibility:

- Individuals serving children and families - voluntary, employed or retired.
- TWC Sponsoring Organization Leaders/Agency/Department Chairs not eligible
- Must not have been a previous TWC Child Advocate Award Winner

Nominating Someone for: Catherine Lafleur Award Linda Christmas Award (Please check one)

Nominator Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Connection to Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee's Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** LA **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: (_____) _____ **Fax:** (_____) _____

Email: _____

Are you going to try to surprise the winner and have a plan to make sure they attend? Yes No

Please submit [this form](#) **AND** a one-page narrative describing the nominee and how they fit the award criteria. The deadline for nominations is **September 30, 2016**.

You may fax or email your submissions.

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Decisions will be made by the TWC Steering Committee members. All decisions are final.

Award Criteria for Honorees

Catherine Lafleur

Legal Advocacy for Children & Families

Criteria:

- Long term commitment to improving the lives of children
- Exemplifies high levels of ethics and respect for the child welfare and legal systems
- Personal strengths make him/her an effective child advocate
- Demonstrates exceptional diligence, thoroughness and persistence in:
 - Making the system respond to the needs of the child
 - Promoting and supporting the use of innovative and creative approaches to systemic problems
 - Conducting research
 - Representing the best interest of the child

Linda Christmas

Service to Children and Families

Criteria:

- Long term commitment to the community - passionate and energetic in their role
- Understanding and commitment to the “creating a village” concept
- Demonstrates outstanding leadership - takes risks to achieve outstanding results
- Contributes to a positive image for the children and families - celebrates the family
- Serves as a role model or mentor in the community and with families
- Demonstrates initiative in heightening community awareness of the issues facing abused and neglected children

