

*Annual
Louisiana Foster and Adoptive Parent Association
LINDA CHRISTMAS SERVICE AWARD*

Linda Christmas served children in many ways and she will be always be remembered as one who firmly believed in the value of family. Linda embodied the love; passion and determination need to be a very special advocate for children and foster/adoptive parents in Louisiana.

Linda's lifetime was filled with a wide range of professional experiences that touched many lives. Her most recent role was that of Project Administrator for the ULM Region IX Foster/Adoptive Family Project. Widely traveled, she shared her skills and talents with people in a variety of places and settings. She served her community as a grant writer, having written many grants for several groups.

Linda piloted and conducted many programs for parents and was very supporting in the forming and the development of the Ouachita/Caldwell Foster Parent Association/FAIR Visions, Inc., the Monroe Region Foster/Adoptive Parents Association.

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

Eligibility: *Individuals serving children and families – voluntary or employed
 *Works closely with the Louisiana Foster & Adoptive Parents Association
 *LFAPA Board Members/Chairs are eligible

Nominator Name: _____ Phone _____

Connection to Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____

Email: _____

Please submit this form and a one-page narrative describing the nominee and how they fit the above criteria.

Mail to: LFAPA 5200 Northeast Road Monroe LA 71203 or email to: P. Kirby - kirp50@juno.com

Nominations must be postmarked by January 15

Decisions will be made by the LFAPA Steering Committee members. All decisions are final. The winner of the award is expected to attend the LFAPA conference to receive the award. It will be presented at the annual meeting during the Awards Banquet.