

*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 2205 Justice Street Monroe LA 71201 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.**