



# Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth Calls for Nominations to its

## 29th ANNUAL NANCY DWORKIN AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO YOUTH *Co-sponsored by the Gazette Newspapers and Adventure Theatre*

*The award is named in memory of Nancy Dworkin, past chairperson of the Commission, who died in 1987. Nancy was the Director of the Center for Unique Learners, a Rockville school for children with learning disabilities. Her upbeat teaching philosophy focused on "teaching to strength" and encouraging all students to develop skills and reach their own potential. This philosophy echoes our purposes in establishing this Awards Program - encouraging us all to reach our own potential for service to others.*

**What:** The 29th Annual Nancy Dworkin Outstanding Service to Youth Awards presented by the Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth, the Gazette Newspapers, and Adventure Theatre.

### **AWARD CATEGORIES:**

- **Youth** - a child or young person, up to 21 years old, who has performed a service for children and youth.
- **Service Provider**- an individual (e.g. teacher, counselor, policeman, firefighter) who provides services to children and youth.
- **Volunteer**- an individual who provides volunteer services to children and youth.
- **Organization** - an organization that is in the business of providing services to children and youth.
- **Business** - a for- profit business in the County that provides an outstanding *volunteer* service for children and youth.

**When:** The deadline for submissions is **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015** and the winners will be celebrated at the awards ceremony on **Monday, June 22, 2015** at the Adventure Theatre.

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**Follow Nomination Guidelines/Criteria on Reverse Side of This Flyer**

**Nomination Process:**

- 1) Nominations may be made by anyone who knows of the nominee's service.
- 2) All nominees must have performed a service for children and youth in Montgomery County.
- 3) Nominations must be sent to:  
Awards, Commission on Children and Youth  
ATIN: Angélica C. de Soto  
Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services  
7300 Calhoun Place, Suite 700  
Rockville, Maryland 20855  
Or faxed to Angélica C. de Soto at (240) 777-1342
- 4) **Deadline:** Nominations must be postmarked or faxed no later than **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**.
- 5) In selecting the award recipients, the Awards Committee will consider the quality of service, length of time for which services were provided, number of children and youth benefiting from the service, and impact to diverse communities.
- 6) An awards ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 22, 2015**.

**Guidelines/Criteria for Nominations:**

All nominations *must* include the following:

**1. Information about the nominator and the nominee (Please include the following information on a cover page).**

- The nominee's name, address, e-mail, organization or business (if applicable), and telephone number.
- Award category (Youth, Service Provider, Volunteer, Organization or Business).
- The nominator's name, address, e-mail, telephone number, and employer (name of business or organization) and how the nominator is familiar with the nominee's service.

**2. Rationale for nomination (No more than two typewritten pages).**

- Describe specific services or contributions of the nominee.
- Explain what makes the nominee special or sets the nominee apart from others.
- Describe the setting in which the nominee has worked with children, and the number of years the nominee has provided the service.
- Detail how the service has made a difference to children and youth.

**3. Two additional letters of support.**

- These letters may come from two additional individuals who also know of the nominee's service. If the nomination is in the Service Provider category, one letter should be from an immediate supervisor.
- It is helpful if the letters of support address the quality of service, length of time for which services were provided, number of children and youth benefiting from the service and impact to diverse communities.

**Details:** The Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth is a group of 27 committed volunteers that advises the County Executive, County Council, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Board of Education on the development of coordinated community and government policies, programs and services which support children, youth and families.

**Please limit your nomination packets to the nomination letter and two letters of support.**

**Questions???** Contact **Angélica C. de Soto**

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