



Spring 2021

Dear Friends:

Each year the United Voices for Children Board of Directors selects individuals or groups to receive the Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt Child Advocacy Award, the Katherine B. Greene Child Worker Award and the Rev. Margaret Ann Williams Service Award. These awards honor extraordinary service or advocacy efforts on behalf of children, youth and/or families throughout the Northern Illinois Conference.

As a member of a local United Methodist Church, you know who is doing this good work in your church or community. We invite you to nominate an individual or a group who deserves this recognition. Award winners will receive a grant for their organization or ministry, a commemorative plaque and recognition in the annual conference program and local media outlets.

A nomination form is attached. Nominations for the 2021 awards will be accepted until April 15, 2021. Please submit to:

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Cary, IL 60013
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You can help us tell others about effective ministries for children and families throughout our conference. Please consider submitting electronically and including high-resolution photos of the ministry in action!

Won't you please respond with a nomination for this award?

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Timothy Biel, President
United Voices for Children Board of Directors

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2021 Award Nomination Form

Indicate which award is being proposed for this nominee:

- 2021 Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt Child Advocacy Award** (*As our bishop from 1980 to 1988, Jesse R. DeWitt represented and spoke out for children, youth and families who did not have a voice. He was passionate about educating and informing local churches about legislation and issues impacting the lives of children.*)
- 2021 Katherine B. Greene Child Worker Award** (*Katherine B. Greene was a past president and founding representative of UVC who put forth tremendous efforts in promoting child advocacy, working faithfully against child abuse and enthusiastically advancing support of children with unmet needs across the Northern Illinois Conference.)*
- 2021 Rev. Margaret Ann Williams Service Award** (*Rev. Margaret Ann Williams is the former Associate Executive Director of Church Relations at Marcy Newberry. This award was created to honor her 33 years on the UVC Board of Directors. Rev. Williams' dedicated service influenced the lives of children, the church and community for nearly 50 years.*)

Nominated Person or Group: *(please print)* _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

The person being nominated is: volunteer (not compensated) OR staff (compensated)

Description of service or advocacy for which nomination is made: _____

Length of Service: _____

Most outstanding contribution: _____

Person making the nomination: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Feel free to use additional pages to provide information. Please submit high-resolution photos of the ministry in action and/or the nominee, if available. Please include two (2) reference letters from co-workers or supervisors and a letter from the church pastor.

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