

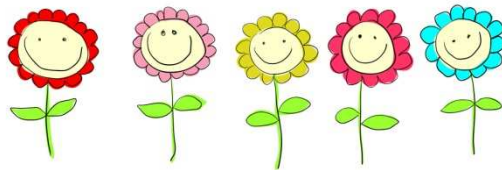
## **"Champions in Childcare 2010" Call for Nominations**

The Prince George Childcare Community is holding its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Childcare Recognition and Awards Gala and Dinner on **Saturday, April 17, 2010**. (The 2010 Gala is sponsored by the Childcare Coalition-Northern Region and their sub-committees.) Nominate the Champion(s) in Childcare that you know!!

**Who is eligible?** License not Required Daycare Operators, Family Childcare Operators, Group Childcare Centers, Out of School Care Providers, Supported Child Development Staff, Early Childhood Educators, Students, Child Care Center Board Directors and Volunteers;  
Anyone you know who **makes a difference** in the childcare field.

### **Awards:**

Outstanding Family Child Care Provider  
Outstanding Group Childcare  
Outstanding Preschool Provider  
Outstanding Out of School Care Provider  
New Faces  
Dedication to Child Care  
Outstanding Support Staff  
Student Initiative  
Varma Crofts Award  
Inclusion  
Lighting the Way  
Anne-Marie Prediger Activist Award



**Nomination forms must be submitted by March 8, 2010**

## Things to know about nominating someone for an award:

1. They must meet **all** the criteria listed for that award.
  2. Recipients can only win an award for a specific category once every 3 years.
  3. You may only nominate a person in 1 category - please pick the one that represents them the best.
  4. We have shortened the form by adding a checklist for criteria that is frequently commented on, this saves you time in filling out the form.
  5. The comment areas on the form need to be completed and **specific examples** given as to how the nominee excels in this area.
- All forms need to be dropped at one of the listed drop boxes by the cutoff date in order to be eligible for selection. Please place nomination forms into an envelope and mark it as confidential
  - Any forms not filled out completely will not be eligible for selection.
  - The selection committee reserves the right to move a nominee to a category more in line with the individuals' accomplishments.
  - The committee makes their choices based on the criteria and examples given and is not privy to the names of the nominees. In this way we ensure a bias free selection.
  - The Selection Committee will only have access to the information on the checklists and written answer portion of the nomination forms.
  - Please ensure that all information given is relevant and gives the committee an idea of why this person is a Champion in Childcare and what makes them stand out as being exemplary in this field.

### **Drop Boxes are available at:**

- The Child Development Centre,
- Child Care Resource & Referral,
- The ECE Department at CNC &
- ASCDP at the Native Friendship Centre Attention: Yvette

### **Or mail to:**

Gala Selection Committee c/o CCRR  
P.O. Box 1808, 2020 Massey Drive,  
Family Y Building, Prince George, BC V2L 4V7

## Champions in Childcare 2010 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominees Workplace (program or business) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in the Field: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the award you are nominating the individual for:

(You may choose only 1 per person)

- Outstanding Family Child Care Provider
- Outstanding Group Childcare
- Outstanding Preschool Provider
- Outstanding Out of School Care Provider
- New Faces
- Dedication to Child Care
- Outstanding Support Staff
- Student Initiative
- Varma Crofts Award
- Inclusion
- Lighting the Way
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**Every nominee must meet these basic criteria - please ensure that you can confidently mark these points as a reflection of their everyday practice.**

- Demonstrate ethical practice, exceed minimum requirements, and relate to families and the community in a respectful manner
- Hold an active membership in a professional association and/or be involved in continued professional development.
- Recognize the need for other resources to best support families, show acceptance for all children and advocate inclusion
- Mentor and collaborate with others in the workplace
- Have an ability to take initiative and be a role model to others in the childcare field
- Be warm, caring and responsive when working with all children

## The following points apply only to the specific award listed:

### New Faces

- Have less than three years of service in the field as well as the criteria listed above

### Dedication to Childcare Award

- Have five years of service or more in the field as well as the criteria listed above

### Outstanding Support Staff Award

- Demonstrate acceptance for all children and advocate inclusion
- Work as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide inclusive strategies for full participation in a childcare setting
- Have a positive and non-judgmental attitude-relate to the community in a respectful manner
- Work in a licensed child care setting
- Communicate well with other staff and with families

### Student Initiative Award

- Be enrolled as an Early Childhood Education student in the basic program
- Show initiative on practicum and in the classroom
- Have a positive and non-judgmental attitude
- Be respectful of diversity in children and families
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Demonstrate professionalism
- Be an advocate for children and families

### Varma Crofts Award

(Originally from the tiny Fijian island of Rotuma, Varmasi (Varma) was a wonderful community spirited woman who lived in Fiji and New Zealand before making her home in Prince George. Varma was best known as "Auntie" to the many children of Young Toddlers Daycare., She was dedicated to professional development, personal growth, quality childcare and community improvement through volunteerism. Varma was involved with the Mayor's Child Care Advisory Committee, the Multicultural Society and Youth Justice, to name but a few. Sadly, Varma passed away suddenly on December 4, 2004.

- Demonstrate a dedication to families and children
- Demonstrate a desire to create a positive community for all
- Believe in a multidisciplinary/multicultural approach
- Show that they believe children and families are the cornerstone of the community
- Demonstrate exemplary service to the community through volunteering

## **Inclusion Award**

- Demonstrate acceptance for all children
- Include children in all aspects of the program, including field trips
- Be willing to adapt the curriculum and environment to meet the needs of all children
- Participate in professional development related to children and youth with special needs
- Advocate for children with special needs and their families
- Demonstrate family centered practice and empowerment of families
- Collaborate well with parents, supports, therapists, and other professionals

## **Lighting the Way Award**

- Demonstrate leadership in the field of Early Childhood Education.
- Exhibit Ethical & Professional Behavior,
- Have strong mentorship skills
- Have strong networking skills
- Be vision oriented and inspire others
- Promote membership to a professional association
- Advocate for quality care & education for children, families, and the community
- Has done things to demonstrate that he/she is an unsung hero

## **Anne-Marie Prediger Activist Award**

(Anne-Marie worked in the field of Early Childhood Education for over 30 years. She has been recognized for her many achievements and has won numerous awards. Throughout her career, Anne-Marie had a passion for children and quality care. This led her to become a strong voice for childcare and an advocate for others in the field. Anne-Marie touched the lives of many children, families and Early Childhood professionals. She was the first recipient of the Childcare Activist Award in 2006 and the award was renamed in her honor in March 2007. Sadly, Anne-Marie passed away on May 1, 2007.)

- Demonstrate that he/she is a vocal advocate in raising the status of childcare providers, and quality learning environments locally, provincially and/or federally
- Have inspired a vision for children, families and childcare professionals
- Demonstrates courage and takes a strong stand for beliefs in relation to child care
- Inspires others to become advocates
- Demonstrates an awareness of changing public policy
- Be a role model for all people who work with children and families

**Please make sure you also answer the written comment portion on the following pages in order to make your nomination complete.**

**1. Please list any volunteer positions that this person holds that may be relevant to the award.**

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**2. Is this person a member of any committees that may be relevant to the award? Please provide us with some details:**

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**3. How does this person ensure that their program provides inclusion for all children and families? (Give specific examples)**

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