

Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center

Diane Homiak Memorial Fund - Annual Teacher Recognition Award

Nomination Form

As a lasting tribute to the memory of SEEC supporter, parent, and employee Diane Homiak, a fund has been established to recognize the commitment, creativity, and contributions of a SEEC educator. Diane recognized and appreciated the unselfish dedication of SEEC staff members, working for the good of the program and the children. This annual award recognizes Diane's interest in that deep commitment to SEEC and young children.

The educator selected for this distinction will be honored at the winter Staff Appreciation Dinner, receiving a small token which reflects the current theme of the award and a monetary gift to spend for classroom materials and resources. There will be a plaque displayed for a year at the teacher's center.

Parents, staff, administrators and board members are invited to write letters of nomination for this award. To nominate a staff member of your choice, complete the form and return to your center director by the designated date. The committee will make its selection and announce the honoree at the Staff Appreciation Dinner.

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Criteria:

1. Makes a unique and lasting contribution to the Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center through unselfish dedication to the program.
2. Instills in children a desire to learn and achieve.
3. Understands the individual needs of the children, encourages their talents and curiosity, and fosters their self-esteem.
4. Demonstrates a thorough knowledge of child development and "Museum Magic," using the museum resources effectively with young children.
5. Develops and demonstrates creative and innovative methods.
6. Fosters cooperative interaction with parents, peers and community.
7. Participates actively in professional organizations and continuing education.

I am nominating _____
for the Diane Homiak Memorial Award because _____

Signature

Date

Thank you for your contribution for this worthwhile endeavor.