



April 28, 2016

Ms. Vicki Welter

Dear Vicki,

Every spring *Friends of EOCF* (Educational Opportunities for Children and Families) secures nominees for community-wide “**Early Learning Champions**” in seven award categories. **You** were nominated for one or more categories because of your investment of time, talent, and treasure in programs that support birth-to-five education.

The 2016 slate of award recipients is listed below. They will be honored at the **Early Learning Champions Awards Luncheon** at noon on May 11 at Club Green Meadows. An invitation is attached.

- ☆ Early Learning Champion – **Debbie Ham**
- ☆ Early Learning Volunteer of the Year – **Jan Asai**
- ☆ Community Partner – **Foster Grandparents**
- ☆ Early Learning Staff Persons of the Year – **Leah Reitz and Steve Van Dyke**
- ☆ Community Outstanding New Professional – **Samantha Stevens**
- ☆ EOCF Business Partners – **Brian Kenneweg and Elizabeth Bowman**
- ☆ Alan Ham Leadership – **Dr. Kenneth Schmauder**

Our selection committee had quite a challenge choosing only seven awardees, because **all of the nominees are true champions!** A certificate, suitable for a 5” x 7” frame, acknowledging your nomination will be sent to you as a small token of our recognition and appreciation for your excellent investment in young children and their families. All nominees will be recognized as a group at the event and we hope you will join the celebration. Reservations can be made on the EOCF website at: <http://www.eocfwa.org/#!event>.

Again, we congratulate you! Being nominated for an award by peers is a great honor. We believe that the life-enhancing benefits of the work you do for early learning in our community cannot be overestimated. Thank you for your dedication to young children and their families. You are making a difference!

For further information contact Bobbi Ayers at EOCF at bobbi.ayers@eocfwa.org or call (360) 567-2701.

Congratulations,

Judy Custy

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Chair, Friends of EOCF

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