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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children**

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Dear Community Member:

The Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children and the Cherish the Children Foundation are proud to announce the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherish the Children Awards acknowledging outstanding service to children in Mercer County.

Three categories of awards will be distributed to **volunteers** who work with youth:

- **Administrative:** A volunteer such as a board or advisory member who actively participates in the administration of an agency
- **Program:** A volunteer who works directly with agency clients
- **Organization:** A civic, corporate or other organization that has donated services, organized or sponsored an event, or otherwise demonstrated support for your agency

The Cherish the Children Foundation, which generates private resources to support the commission's activities, will present cash awards to the agencies that nominated winning volunteers. Agencies that have won in prior years are eligible to nominate volunteers.

The foundation also wishes to acknowledge an outstanding professional who works on behalf of children in Mercer County. This professional should exemplify a commitment to enhancing the quality of life of Mercer County children; his or her work goes above and beyond the bounds of the workday; and his or her dedication and commitment is an inspiration to colleagues.

In addition, the Mercer County Youth Services Commission again will honor Mercer County high school students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving the Mercer County community and whose dedication can serve as an inspiration to others.

Please use the enclosed nomination forms to nominate a volunteer, professional or high school student. Please use one form per nomination. Nominations are due by **Feb. 5, 2010, at 4:00 with no exceptions.**

The awards will be presented at a dinner banquet to be held **April 28, 2010**, during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Invitations will be mailed under separate cover.

If you have any questions regarding the Cherish the Children nomination form, please contact Kimberly Sentek of the Mercer County Department of Human Services at 609-989-6896. If you have any questions regarding the Youth Services Commission nomination form, please contact Yolanda León at 609-989-6966.

Thank you,

*Camille Blorabry on behalf of Marygrace Billek*

Marygrace Billek  
Director, Mercer County Department of Human Services

## Cherish the Children Awards Nomination Form

The purpose of the Cherish the Children Volunteer Awards is to acknowledge the contributions of currently active volunteers who donate their time to better the lives of Mercer County children. The purpose of the Cherish the Children Professional Award is to acknowledge a professional who goes above and beyond the call of duty when working on behalf of Mercer County children.

Please feel free to nominate an outstanding volunteer in any of the three volunteer categories (administration, program or organization) or an outstanding professional, but please only use one form per nominee.

*Please print or type all information.*

For which category are you nominating this nominee?

Administration \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating organization \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's position with agency \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating organization address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating organization phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Title of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Please use additional pages to provide the following information on your nominee:

1. His or her history of involvement with the agency.
2. Brief biographical sketch of nominee.
3. Rationale for nomination (i.e. outstanding contributions, achievements, etc.)

**Please return the information by 4:00 on February 5, 2010, to the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children at 640 S. Broad St., P.O. Box 8068, Trenton, N.J. 08650-0068, or fax it to 989-6032. Please call 989-6896 with any questions.**



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**Mercer County Executive**



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**Mercer County Youth Services Commission  
2010 Youth Volunteer Award Nomination Form**

**Qualifications and Criteria:**

The youth must be a high school student who demonstrates a commitment to serving the community and whose dedication can serve as an inspiration to others. The youth must be a Mercer County resident and perform his or her community service in Mercer County. In addition, her or she must have been volunteering at your organization for at least one year.

In addition to this form, please provide a one-page biography on the youth and explain his or her involvement in your organization or school. Also include a description of the service he or she performs, how much time he or she spends volunteering, and how his or her contribution benefits the community.

**The deadline is February 5, 2010, at 4:00.** Agencies may nominate more than one youth; if you do so, please fill out one form per nominee. If you have any questions regarding the youth award, please contact Yolanda León at 609-989-6966. The Youth Volunteer Award will be presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cherish the Children Dinner, which will be held in April. All nominators will be notified of the Youth Services Commission's choices by the beginning of April.

*Please print or type information.*

Nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's school: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee's parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominating school/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating organization address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the nomination forms and letters to the Mercer County Youth Services Commission at 640 S. Broad St., P.O. Box 8068, Trenton, N.J. 08650-0068 or fax them to 609-989-6032.  
Attention: Yolanda León