

## **Kids on the Block-Vermont/Puppets in Education** **Puppets' Choice Awards – 2010**

Each year Kids on the Block-Vermont (KOBVT) presents awards for **outstanding service and advocacy** to individuals who have excelled by making a difference in the safety, welfare and/or education for children in Vermont. The **2010 Awards** will be presented at our Annual Awards Ceremony over lunch on **Tuesday, September 28, 2010** at the Doubletree Hotel in South Burlington.

### **General Criteria for KOBVT/Puppets in Education Nominations**

To be eligible for an award, the person or persons nominated should be working or volunteering in an organization where their contribution actively promotes the mission of KOBVT/Puppets in Education to teach children how to keep themselves safe and healthy and to appreciate each other's differences.

Award nominees should demonstrate the following criteria:

- **Activities/Achievements:** Nominee's work or volunteer service and outstanding accomplishments have significantly helped to improve the safety, well-being and education of children in Vermont.
- **Leadership/Initiative:** Nominee has shown leadership and initiative in developing or enhancing programs and services, or has implemented new promising approaches to solve problems or improve the safety, well-being or education of children.
- **Collaboration:** Nominee has constructively engaged with community partners and has worked collaboratively with others across agencies and disciplines to improve children's health, safety and appreciation of other's differences.
- **Demonstration/Inspiration:** Nominees' outstanding work or volunteer service has made a significant and lasting impact on children in the areas of respect, compassion, empathy and inclusion. The nominee inspires others in the field and/or community through their work and/or volunteerism.

#### **2010 Award Categories:**

Abuse Prevention; Autism; Bully Prevention; Disability Awareness;  
Healthy Bodies; Alcohol, Tobacco and/or Other Drug Prevention

#### **Previous Puppets' Choice Awardees**

2001 Senator Jean B. Ankeney  
2002 Dr. Joseph Hagan  
2003 Drs. Sara and John Burchard  
2004 Sister Janice Ryan  
2005 Nancy DiVenere  
2006 Deborah Lisi-Baker  
2007 Allen Robinson

#### **2007 Silver 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Madeleine Kunin**

2008 Dr. Lewis First  
2009 Katherine Paterson

**Kids on the Block-Vermont/Puppets in Education 2010 Annual Awards**  
**Nomination Form**

**Award Nominee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Best way to contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination submitted by**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Best way to contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check off the topic areas applicable to nominee(s): Check all that apply.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Abuse Prevention

\_\_\_\_\_ Disability Awareness

\_\_\_\_\_ Autism

\_\_\_\_\_ Healthy Bodies

\_\_\_\_\_ Bully Prevention

\_\_\_\_\_ Alcohol, Tobacco and/or Other Drug Prevention

**References**

(Please list people we may contact who can provide us additional information regarding the nominee)

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please feel free to send us letters of reference or supporting documentation at  
Kids on the Block-Vermont/Puppets in Education  
Suite 125, 294 N. Winooski Ave.  
Burlington, VT 05401*

Is this person/group aware of this nomination? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your nomination of this person/group to remain anonymous?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

If your nominee is not selected for an award, would you prefer that we notify them of their nomination?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Nominee(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide complete information. Assume the Awards Selection Committee knows nothing about the Nominee, their professional work or volunteer services. Use a story or examples to illustrate how and why your nominee deserves to be recognized.

Please be sure to address the criteria listed on page 1 in your nomination.

**Please type or write *very* clearly; You may attach additional pages as needed.**

1. Please describe the nominee's activities and achievements (volunteer or professional) and how this person actively promotes the KOBVT mission of teaching Vermont's children how to keep themselves safe and healthy and to appreciate each other's differences.
  
2. How many years has this nominee been working with children?
  
3. Please describe how the nominee has demonstrated leadership and initiative in improving or delivering services for children, in using new approaches to solve problems, or in successfully advocating on behalf of children.
  
4. How does this nominee work constructively in collaboration with others, especially across agencies and disciplines, to promote the safety, welfare and education of children? What impact did working collaboratively have on promoting these goals?
  
5. Describe how the outstanding work of this person has had a significant impact on children in and how the person or team inspires others in their field or through their volunteerism.
  
6. Is there any reason KOBVT might have any concerns about presenting this award, or that it might not be in KOBVT's best interest to present this award?
  
7. If this nominee is selected for Puppets' Choice Award are there any reasons they would not be able to accept this award?
  
8. Is there anything else that you can tell us that would be helpful to the committee in making their decision? Is there anything else you think the committee should be aware of regarding this nominee?

**Any questions? Give us a call at (802) 860-3349**

**Please Email completed nominations to [PCAWards@KisontheBlockVermont.org](mailto:PCAWards@KisontheBlockVermont.org)**

Or you may send a hard copy to:  
Kids on the Block-Vermont/Puppets in Education  
Suite 125  
294 North Winooski Ave.  
Burlington, VT 05401

Fax: (802) 860-4395

**DEADLINE:** Emailed, Faxed or Delivered to our Office by  
**February 4, 2010**

**Note:** KOBVT Staff and Board members are not eligible for awards.