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FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR

On an annual basis, the Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) will recognize one foster parent or couple from either the private or public sector for their exemplary work serving and caring for abused or neglected children in the foster care system. Nominations will be accepted from child welfare agencies, local courts, CASA's, foster parent organizations, or any interested person familiar with nominee(s). **The FCRB will accept nomination forms through September 15, 2010.** They may be submitted by email (preferred), fax, or postal service. Nomination forms are available on the Foster Care Review Board Program page of the Michigan Courts web site at <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/fcrb/fcrb.htm>.

The recipient(s) of this award will exemplify the following attributes:

- Exhibits a caring, nurturing, and protective approach to parenting children placed in their care.
- A tireless advocate for educational, medical, and mental health services needed by children placed in their care.
- Displays effective communication and cooperation with the assigned caseworker and other professionals involved with the children placed in their care.
- Willingly and effectively provides help and support to children's birth parent(s), where appropriate.
- Conscientiously complies with all licensing requirements.
- Exhibits effective leadership and problem solving skills.
- Advocates for improved standards and support for foster parents.
- Foster parent(s) must have at least five years of experience as a licensed foster parent.

You are encouraged to nominate any foster parent or couple who you feel meets the above criteria. The recipient of this award will be selected by a committee comprised of FCRB board members, advisory committee professionals and advocates, child welfare professionals, and FCRB program staff. The award recipient will be recognized at the FCRB annual training conference in early November.

Please submit the attached nomination form via email, fax, or postal service **no later than September 15** to:

Email (preferred):
FalconelloK@courts.mi.gov

Fax:
313-972-3289

Mail:
FCRB Award Nomination
Attn: Kathy Falconello
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