



2011 FAMILY OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

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Dear Day Care Center Director and Staff:

BY:.....

The **Family Nurturing Center of Central New York, Inc.** is sponsoring the **20th Annual FAMILY OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION** and fundraiser.

We are asking area **day care centers**, not-for-profit organizations, businesses, churches, schools and individuals in Oneida and Herkimer Counties to participate **by nominating a family** for this prestigious award. The process of recognizing deserving families for their efforts in providing basic nurturing skills that foster healthy relationships is both rewarding and inspiring.

This year, the **Family Nurturing Center** invites you to **honor a family of your choice**, by nominating a **friend, neighbor, relative or associate**, using the enclosed nomination form.

The purpose of the **FAMILY OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION** is to publicly honor families from Oneida and Herkimer counties that demonstrate nurturing attitudes and behaviors in their relationships, and to educate the community about the importance of nurturing interactions in families.

The award winning family and two distinguished finalists, along with all nominated families, will be honored at the **FAMILY OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION Dinner** on **Thursday, June 30, 2011** at the Radisson Hotel-Utica Centre.

A nomination form and complete information about how to nominate a family is enclosed. Nomination forms may be photocopied to share with parents at your center, or for additional information, please contact **Kathy** at the Family Nurturing Center office at **738-9773**.

The deadline for nominations is April 18, 2011. Community involvement is the key to this event. Please make an announcement to your **staff**, post the form, and **share the information with families receiving your services**. Tickets for the Celebration dinner are available upon request. The Celebration is open to the community.

Thank you for your support and anticipated participation of this special event to honor families in our community.

Best Wishes.

Donna LaTour-Elefante
Executive Director

Enclosure

The Family Nurturing Center of Central New York

Presents

The 20th Annual

Family of the Year

Celebration



Purpose

To honor families for their nurturing attitudes and behaviors and to create awareness of the importance of nurturing in all family relationships. One family will be chosen as **Family of the Year**, and **two families will be chosen as distinguished finalists.**

Nominations

Nominations from community organizations, professional groups, businesses and individuals are invited. **ALL nominees** will be acknowledged at the **Family of the Year Celebration dinner on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel Utica Centre.**

Judging

The Awards Selection Committee has the responsibility of selecting the **2011 Family of the Year.**
(Judges are not Family Nurturing Center officials or staff).

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♥ For more information, contact Kathy at the Family Nurturing Center at 738-9773.
Thank you for participating in the *20th Annual Family of the Year Celebration*

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

*Following the guidelines listed below, please type or print clearly a letter of nomination, describing why your nominee should be considered for the Family of the Year Award. Nominations must include a response to each of the ***FIVE Nurturing Values** listed below.*

Following receipt of your nomination, families will be interviewed by telephone.

Guidelines

Please address the following in your nomination:

1. A positive self worth is critical to the ability to nurture one's self, others and the environment. Parents and children who treat themselves with respect will in turn treat others with respect.
**Describe ways this family promotes self-esteem in children and demonstrates that they value and respect each other's thoughts, feelings and needs.*
2. Empathy forms the foundation of nurturing parenting and is the ability to be aware of the needs of others and to take positive actions on behalf of others.
**Describe ways this family demonstrates support, encouragement, acceptance, and positive communication.*
3. Children need to be empowered to make good choices and wise decisions through the development of personal power.
**Describe ways this family promotes independence, provides opportunities to learn responsibility in making choices and following through on commitments and encourages solving problems and making decisions together.*
4. Discipline is the practice of teaching children to be respectful, cooperative and to contribute to their family and society. Parental practices of discipline must model the sought after behavior of the child.
**Describe ways this family provides structure through family values, rules and guidance and uses alternatives to physical punishment (i.e. time out, loss of privilege, grounding, etc.).*
5. Humor, laughter and fun promote happiness in families, an optimistic view of life, an outlet for stress reduction, and the chance to make living together as a family enjoyable.
**Describe ways this family spends and enjoys quality leisure time together.*

Please attach this form along with your LETTER OF NOMINATION

To make additional nominations, photocopy this form. Please complete and mail this form and letter of nomination, **no later than April 18, 2011 to: Family of the Year - Family Nurturing Center of Central NY, 209 Elizabeth St., Paul Bldg. 4th FL., Utica, NY 13501**

Complete the following and PRINT please:			Family's Address:		
Family's Last Name: _____			Street _____		
Parents: _____			City _____		Zip _____
Mother _____ / Father _____			Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____		
Places of Employment _____			Nominator's Name & Address: _____		
Children: _____			_____		
Name/Age _____	Name/Age _____	Name/Age _____	Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____		
Name/Age _____	Name/Age _____	Name/Age _____	Date _____		