



North Dakota PTA “Friend of Child” Award

History, Criteria & Nomination Form

Established in August 1992, The “Friend of Child” Award was created as a way to honor those who have given exemplary service to children and youth. This award can be given once a year in those years when an appropriate recipient is identified.

This award was established as a way to honor a worthy person in the school, community, or state that exhibits the following criteria:

- Gives outstanding service to children.
- Demonstrates continued interest in the well-being of children and youth.
- Serves as an advocate for children in the areas of education, health, safety or legislation.
- Is an individual who cares about children and has made his or her caring count by their devoted service to youth.

Past Friend of Child Award Recipients

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| 1993 | Dr. Lowell Latimer | 2007 | Tracey Lawson | 2020 | Cheryl Simmons |
| 1994 | Dr. Wayne Sanstead | 2008 | Linda Schroeder | 2021 | Dani Parkos Fluge |
| 1995 | Dr. Vern Bennett | 2009 | Jr. Achievement—Minot | | |
| 1996 | Linda McGuire | 2010 | Nancy Jordheim | | |
| 1997 | Rachael Disrud | 2011 | Trollwood Performing Arts School Founders, Vicki Chepulis & John Marks | | |
| 1998 | Glenn Melvey | 2012 | Helane Robson | | |
| 1999 | ND Elementary and Secondary Principals Association | 2013 | Penny & Pals - Penny Andrist & Gail Benson | | |
| 2000 | Phyllis Seir | 2014 | Jeannie Baskerville | | |
| 2001 | Laura Carney | 2015 | Senator John Hoeven | | |
| 2003 | Mike Fogarty | 2016 | Marcia Hellevang | | |
| 2004 | Lowell Wolff | 2017 | Mary Schultz | | |
| 2005 | Curt Medalen | 2018 | Rory Biel | | |
| 2006 | Mavis Bennett | 2019 | Laura Sokolofsky | | |

To make a nomination, please complete the following form. Nominations accepted from current NDPTA Board members and or Convention planning committee members.

