

Honoring

The Spirit of Jay

A special award from the Mid-America AEYC, Kansas City Chapter to honor the memory of Jay Wiedenkiller

The Spirit of Jay Award is given annually by the Mid-America AEYC, together with Jay's family, to honor the memory of **Jay Wiedenkiller**, a former president of Mid-America and a recipient of our Life Time Achievement Award.

Jay was a gifted teacher who worked for 30 years in the field of early childhood education in Lawrence and Kansas City. He was a classroom teacher and the founding director of the Child Development Center at Saint Joseph Health Center.

Jay's family presents the award at our annual spring membership meeting. The recipient of this award exemplifies the qualities Jay brought to his work with young children. These include:

- ❖ **An abiding love for children.**
- ❖ **Intelligence and compassion in nurturing the whole child.**
- ❖ **A joyous spirit of fun.**
- ❖ **The ability to create that special magic in the early learning environment that positively impacts the lives of children.**

Our recipient may be an early childhood classroom teacher, caregiver, or family child care provider. We invite area directors, teachers, parents or educators to nominate deserving early childhood teachers, caregivers or family child care providers. Application forms can be downloaded from the Mid-America website www.mid-americaaeyc.org or contact the Mid-America AEYC Kansas City Chapter at admin@mid-americaaeyc.org. The deadline for nominations is March 22, 2010.

You will be asked to tell us in 250 to 300 words why your nominee deserves to receive the Spirit of Jay award. The more specific you can be the better.

Nominees do not have to be AEYC members, nor do they need to have a degree in early childhood education.

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Nomination Form

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY: March 22, 2010

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Work Place: _____

Years of Experience: _____

Tell in 250-300 words why this individual deserves the Spirit of Jay Award.

Please Type and double space your submission

Name of Individual Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

How do you know the nominee? _____

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MAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:

**Mid-America AEYC
ATTN: Spirit of Jay
P.O. Box 30443
Kansas City, MO 64112**