



# Shine a spotlight on a special friend to families!

## Early Childhood Community Stars

Do you know a local company or agency that **puts families first** in its policies and procedures? Perhaps it's a store where a "child-friendly" play area makes shopping more do-able and fun for the whole family. Or an employer who offers some flexibility for parents to take time to attend parent-teacher conferences and other school activities.

*We want to recognize the people and places that make family interaction a priority in dealing with their customers, clients, and employees. Please take a moment and nominate someone who makes life a bit easier for parents who want to do the very best for their children.*

We hear the old saying "It takes a village to raise a child!" and that idea is just as true today as it was years ago. However, these days -- when multiple-career households and multi-tasking family schedules are the norm -- we look for ways to make the most of the time we have together as families to focus on each other. We want to honor the organizations and individuals who help to make that happen.

**All "Community Star" nominees will be honored during the BE THEIR HERO FROM AGE ZERO Activities on May 1st.**

### 2013 Early Childhood Community Star NOMINATION

**PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINATION BY APRIL 19, 2013**

to Nicole VanDaele,  
Great Start Collaborative Director  
Monroe County Intermediate School District  
1101 S. Raisinville Road; Monroe, MI 48161

Or go to [www.monroeisd.us](http://www.monroeisd.us)

- Click on the *Parents & Community* tab
- Click on the "Community Star" link



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#### Nominee Contact Information

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

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

Contact Person, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominator Contact Information

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominating Information - Why I am nominating this business for this award:

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#### Save These Dates!

► **Saturday, April 27**

#### **CELEBRATE CHILDREN!**

at the Mall of Monroe,  
2121 N. Monroe Street, Monroe  
**FREE** family-friendly activities --  
music, entertainment, crafts!  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

► **Wednesday, May 1**

#### **BE THEIR HERO FROM AGE ZERO**

at the Monroe County I.S.D.,  
1101 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe  
Children and parents together  
can explore hands-on activities  
that expand and enhance  
learning experiences!