

## Great Friend to Families Nominees Sought

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The Children's Playhouse is searching for a resident of the High Country whose greatest joy comes from helping kids and families, the 2012 winner of the Great Friend to Families Award. Nominations for this award are due on April 5th.

The fourth annual Great Friend to Families award recognizes sustained contributions by individuals to the well-being of young children and their families in the High Country area. "This year we will honor up to eight winners in two categories, Helping Hands and Helping Hearts," Playhouse board president Jen Hayward explains. "Helping Hands' awards will celebrate professionals who over the course of their careers have shown extraordinary dedication to improving the lives of children and families, while 'Helping Hearts' awards will recognize individuals who have touched the lives of children and families through generous philanthropy and/or outstanding volunteerism."

The award winners in each category will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday, April 21st and one overall winner will be presented with a piece of local art and \$500 to donate to the High Country nonprofit of their choice.

The nomination forms are simple and can be downloaded at The Children's Playhouse website [http://www.goplayhouse.org/events/Great\\_Friend\\_to\\_Families\\_award\\_call\\_for\\_nominations\\_2012.html](http://www.goplayhouse.org/events/Great_Friend_to_Families_award_call_for_nominations_2012.html) or by stopping by the children's museum. All nominations must be submitted by Thursday, April 5th.

Nominations may be submitted over email to [kathy@goplayhouse.org](mailto:kathy@goplayhouse.org) or mailed to:

Great Friend to Families Award Committee, c/o Kathy Parham  
The Children's Playhouse  
400 Tracy Circle  
Boone, NC 28607

The luncheon will also raise funds to support The Children's Playhouse, the High Country's only nonprofit children's museum.

The Children's Playhouse provides an enriching play environment for children from birth to age eight that at the same time offering parents and caregivers friendly support in the important job of raising children. For more information, call 828-263-0011 or visit the website, [www.goplayhouse.org](http://www.goplayhouse.org).