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Nominations sought for Maura D. Corrigan Foster Family Lifetime Achievement Award for service to children and families

LANSING, MI, October 2, 2020 – Nominations are now open for the Maura D. Corrigan Foster Family Lifetime Achievement Award for exemplary service to Michigan’s children and families. The award, sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court, was established in honor of Corrigan, who as Chief Justice, focused on streamlining the adoption process and helping more children find “forever” families. Corrigan, who also served as the head of Michigan’s Department of Human Services, is responsible for improving services to some of Michigan’s most vulnerable citizens and has been widely recognized for dedication to child welfare.

“Foster parents step up to help because they love children and want to make a difference in their lives, but their efforts all too often go unrecognized” said Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack. “Every foster parent who provides a safe and loving home should be recognized, and this award honors those amazing moms and dads whose efforts are so extraordinary and remarkable that they inspire others to follow their lead.”

Nominations are open to foster parents who have a significant record of helping Michigan families and children.

Previous recipients include Ramah Emily Krontz of Burr Oak, who served as a foster parent for 12 years and fostered 38 children and former State Court Administrative Office and Department of Health and Human Services employee Jenifer L. Pettibone, herself a foster parent of three, who passed away in 2019.

To nominate a candidate for the Corrigan Award, complete the attached form and return it by **Friday, October 30, 2020**. The Corrigan Award recipient will be honored with a special virtual presentation at the Michigan Supreme Court’s 2020 Michigan Adoption Day event on November 24, 2020.

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Lifetime Achievement Award

2020 Nomination Form

Nominee's name: _____

Nominee's position or job title: _____

Name of nominee's organization or employer: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Why is your nominee a worthy candidate for the Corrigan Award? Please be as complete as possible; use a separate sheet if necessary.

Nominator's name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

All nominations are due by Friday, October 30, 2020.

Submit this form by e-mail to CorriganAward@courts.mi.gov or fax to 517-373-9831.

Direct questions should be sent to Lynn Seaks at SeaksL@courts.mi.gov or at 517-373-1067 or Elizabeth Henderson at HendersonE@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-2621.