

Kathy Cummins

(Merry)



A lifelong educator...

Kathy's formal education includes a bachelor's degree in secondary education, a master's degree in special education and a specialist's degree in education administration. Kathy worked first as a teacher, became a teacher consultant, assistant supervisor, and various other positions at Northville Public Schools.

She also worked as the Executive Director of Job Placement at the Wayne County ARC, the Director of Educational Therapy at Vista Maria, and then moved on to Wayne County's Intermediate School District (Wayne RESA) as their director of the Teen Parent Program. When the program closed, Kathy took over the newly initiated Michigan program for Medicaid Reimbursement on Wayne RESA's behalf. In 2001, Kathy became the lobbyist for Wayne RESA, in addition to her position as the Executive Director of Medicaid, representing the superintendents of Wayne County in both Lansing and Washington DC.

Until her retirement in 2021, she remained in that position, becoming a national expert in school-based Medicaid Reimbursement. She served as the education representative on the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (N.A.M.E.) for 19 states, often going to Washington DC to meet with the federal government to promote Medicaid services for special needs students.

Kathy's work with Child's Hope began in 1988. A few years into working as the Director Wayne RESA's Teen Parent Program, Kathy was asked to sit on the Board, which she readily agreed to do. When the Teen Parent Program closed a few years later, Kathy remained on the Board, serving as chair for various committees, Vice President, and President. Kathy resigned from Child's Hope's board, as its President in 2022 after a 34-year run!



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2022 Award Guidelines

PURPOSE:

The Kathy Cummins (Merry) Award is dedicated to helping Children's Summit participants raise their understanding of child abuse and neglect prevention for real-world application by providing financial support toward additional continuing education opportunities.

*Possibilities include, but are not limited to, virtual or in-person conference attendance, course fees, training, and purchasing printed materials.

**Recipients are responsible for identifying the extend learning opportunities.

- ◆ The Kathy Cummins (Merry) Awards are available to individuals ages 16 years old and older.
- ◆ The deadline for this application is Friday, November 18, 2022 at 5 P.M.
- ◆ Awardee(s) will be notified by December 16, 2022.

CRITERIA:

- ◆ Applicant must fully complete the award application.
- ◆ Applicant must complete a Children's Summit seminar.
- ◆ Applicant may not be related to any Board of Directors or staff.
- ◆ Applicant must commit to using award funds only towards approved activities as described above. *

THE AWARD: The Kathy Cummins (Merry) Award will be rewarded bi-annually. The individual maximum award is \$250-\$300 per award.

NOTE: The recipient must contact Child's Hope to complete the necessary documentation once opportunity is located before funds can be released. The award expires two years from the date of the award notification.

I, _____ I have read and understand the conditions of the Kathy Cummins (Merry) Award. I affirm that I plan to use the award funds to apply towards expenses related to my own continued learning to enrich the lives of children through child abuse and neglect prevention practices. I affirm that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



Application Form

DATE OF APPLICATION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Present Address :

City : State :

Zip Code : Phone :

Email : Ethnicity:

Date of Birth : / /

QUESTIONS

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to each of the following questions in 75 to 100 words:

- How have you contributed to your community?
- What has prompted you to learn more?
- How will you apply additional learning to support the social and emotional well-being of families in your community?

Applicant's Name in Print

Applicant's Signature

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING!

To submit: Email all documents and a letter of support to office@childshope.org,
Subject: KCM Award 2022

No applications will be accepted before 12 Noon November 8th