

*Making Spirits Bright: Celebrating the Dazzling Achievements of Niagara's Early Learning and Child Care Community*

## Niagara's Early Learning and Child Care Appreciation and Recognition Gala

# 2025 HONOUREES

Supporting Sustainability and Environmental  
Stewardship Ambassador

Terra Viva Montessori Bilingual

Licensed Child Care Centre Administrator Recognition  
for Exceptional Leadership and Commitment

JoAnne Turner

Nurturing Children's Connection  
to Nature Program Champions

Centre éducatif La Boîte à soleil – La Marsh

Exceptional Volunteer and Support Staff Spotlight

Karen Hodgins

EarlyON Child & Family Centre Team Recognition

Anita Sansalone, Denise Iliffe

Commitment to Continuous Professional  
Learning Distinction

Candace King

Margaret Hamilton Graduating Student Award

Joshua Martineau

Kelly Albanese Child Care Program  
Inclusion Recognition

YMCA Child Care – Smith

Licensed Home Child Care Professionalism Acknowledgement of Achievement

Ashley Rossi

Lubna Alhaj

Nasreena Nazeer

Kindergarten Team Commitment to Excellence in Exemplifying the Kindergarten  
Program's Six Fundamental Principles

Laurie Hebert  
Elinor DiMaria

Ashley Wright  
Erryn Goddard

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**2025 HONOUREES continued**

**Early Childhood Educator Model of Excellence  
and Professionalism Recognition**

Randa Ali

**Care Advocate for Excellence in Supporting  
Children's Mental Health and Well-being**

Strive Niagara – Welland Parent Child Centre

**Outstanding Commitment to Fostering an Inclusive,  
Equitable and Diverse Early Learning Environment**

Sweet Love Child Care

**Innovative Indoor Early Learning Environment Recognition**

Chrislove Blanc  
Antonine Pierre Jean-Louis

Aurélie Miambe  
Mireille Andabhati Alliro

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