



## Nomination Form-Phyllis Richards Austin Icon for Children Award

***Do you know someone who exemplifies excellence in improving future outcomes for children?*** The Austin Child Guidance Center is accepting nominations for the 4th Annual Phyllis Richards -Austin Icon for Children Award. Please nominate deserving individuals under one of the following categories: **Community Activist or Community Professional.**

**Dr. Phyllis Richards** has over 60 years of dedicated service in child development and shaping service delivery to children. Her commitment to ensuring that all children have access to quality early childhood education and mental health services has created long-term impacts for thousands of children. She served as a faculty member for The University of Texas at Austin's School of Human Ecology Division of Human Development and Family Sciences for forty years. She was a visionary leader and researcher in the field of early childhood education and development, and worked vigorously to help establish the Head Start program on a national level. In her five years of service on the Austin Child Guidance Center's Board of Directors, she was influential in helping the Center become the first site in Central Texas to provide mental health services to children who were victims of sexual abuse.

The criteria for the award are simple. In less than 500 words, tell us about someone currently living in Austin, Texas who has made great strides in improving the quality of life for children locally and/or nationally within the fields of mental health, child development, education, primary health and/or advocacy. Your recommendation should give testimony to the individual's commitment to public service for children.

There are two categories for nomination. The **Community Activist** category is dedicated to an individual who contributes to positive change for children through volunteerism and/or philanthropy, while the **Community Professional** category is an individual who achieves the same level of outcomes for children through exemplifying excellence in their profession. Along with your recommendation, please attach any articles, awards or other documentation of the nominee's accomplishments and charitable works. Please give consideration to following:

- Scope and impact of work
- Degree of difficulty and obstacles encountered within the field during time of service
  - Imagination and innovation
  - Length of service

**Nominee must be present to accept the award. Please confirm availability of the nominee before nominating.** A final assembly of nominees will be selected and presented on an official ballot to the Austin Child Guidance Center's Board of Directors, who will select the award recipient. The 2015 Fourth Annual Phyllis Richards Austin Icon for Children Award will be presented on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Austin Originals Benefit Concert and Live Taping at the Austin Music Hall. During this benefit, we will honor his/her accomplishments and contributions to society in making a better world and brighter tomorrow for children.



### NOMINEE INFORMATION:

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

Nominating for which Award Category: Community Activist or Community Professional  
(circle or underline)

Title-if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees/Schools \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Nominator's name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

The mission of Austin Child Guidance Center, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, founded in 1951, is to improve the mental health of children and their families through early intervention, diagnosis and treatment to help them develop the emotional skills for meeting life's challenges.

Nominations are due: **June 1, 2015**. Please fill out the information above and send it, along with your letter of recommendation (**500 words max**), and any additional documentation (articles/awards) of your nomination to Renée Hanson Malone, Director of Development at [rhanson@austinchildguidance.org](mailto:rhanson@austinchildguidance.org) or by mail to:

**Austin Child Guidance Center  
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For additional questions, please contact Renée Hanson at [rhanson@austinchildguidance.org](mailto:rhanson@austinchildguidance.org) or call 512-451-2242 ext. 103 [www.austinchildguidance.org](http://www.austinchildguidance.org)

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