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Shincovich, PPL and others to be honored at PSFC's Dinner and Community Celebration at Stroudsmoor's Ridgecrest

Pocono Services for Families and Children invites the community to attend its Annual Dinner and Community Celebration on Thursday, October 11, at Ridgecrest at Stroudsmoor Country Inn in Stroudsburg.

The event will begin with a cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with a delicious "Grand Buffet" dinner to follow. Dignitaries, community leaders, nonprofit agency representatives, early childhood personnel, board members, parents, and staff will be among those attending.

Ann Shincovich, director of the Pocono Mountain Public Library in Tobyhanna, will be one of the evening's honorees. She will receive the Outstanding (former) Head Start Parent Award. Shincovich has been director of the library since 2004 and is an advocate of the Head Start program. She holds a master's of library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh, and also earned degrees from Penn State and Ohio State University. Her daughter, Emily, went through the Head Start program and now attends Clear Run Intermediate School.

PPL Foundation will receive the Champion for Children Award during the evening. This award recognizes PPL's support of early childhood education and PSFC's programs/initiatives. The business gives \$10,000 annually to PSFC through the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program, which provides income-eligible families with tuition assistance for enrolling children in high quality Pre-K programs in Monroe County. PPL also recently awarded a \$45,000 grant to PSFC for the development of an outdoor classroom at The Mountain Center in Tobyhanna.

PSFC Program Director Sandy Shay will be presented with the Jean Eden Award for her tireless commitment to early childhood education. Shay started working for PSFC in 1979 and has dedicated her career to early learning.

During the celebration, several Head Start alumni who are now attending area high schools will be recognized and talk about their successes since preschool. A silent auction will be part of the festivities, too.

The dinner cost is \$50 per person and reservations should be made by October 5. To RSVP, please contact Chris Grape-Garvey, PSFC's community resources coordinator, at 570-894-3272 ext. 103 or email cgrapegarvey@psfc.org.

PSFC's mission is to provide resources for the evolving needs of community children and families, in support of efforts to achieve their goals. The nonprofit agency serves more than 300 children from infants to 6th grade and continues to expand services and implement new programs. Besides Head Start and Pre-K Counts, it offers emergency assistance, family engagement initiatives, and volunteer opportunities. PSFC has centers/classrooms in Coolbaugh Township, East Stroudsburg, Smithfield Township and Marshalls Creek.

PSFC is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (NAEYC) and has a Keystone Star 4 state ranking. For more information, visit www.psfc.org or call 570-421-2711.

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