



The Children First Champion for Children Award Recipients

2024: Vanguard and their **Strong Start for Kids** initiative as being transformational leaders in the Early Childhood sector

2023: Kelvin A. Jeremiah, President & CEO, The Philadelphia Housing Authority

2022: Dalila Wilson-Scott, Executive, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Comcast Corporation

2021: Gregory Deavens, President and CEO, Independence Blue Cross

2020: Daniel J. Hilferty, President and CEO, Independence Blue Cross

2019: Celestino “Chuck” Pennoni, Founder, Pennoni

2018: Liz Murphy, Senior Vice President, Regulatory and External Affairs & **Romona Riscoe Benson**, Director, Corporate Relations, PECO

2017: Regina Canfield, Senior Vice President, Client & Community Relations, PNC

2016: William George, President & CEO, Health Partners Plans

2015: Greg Redden, Region President, Wells Fargo Bank

2014: Anne Morrissey, President & CEO, AmeriHealth Caritas

2012/2013: Shelly D. Yanoff, Retired Executive Director, PCCY

2011: Public Citizens for Children and Youth's 30th Anniversary Celebration

2010: Estelle B. Richman, Secretary, PA Department of Public Welfare & **Sarah Martinez-Helfman**, Executive Director, Eagles Youth Partnership

2009: Edward G. Rendell, Governor, State of Pennsylvania & **Jolley Bruce Christman**, Co-Founder, Research for Action, **Philip Beauchemin**, Teacher, Philadelphia Public Schools, **Shawn Lacy**, Executive Director, Family Support Services, Inc

2008: Sara Nerken & Judy Borie, PCCY Board members and organizers of the annual celebration for the last 10 years

2007: Carole Haas Gravagno, Philanthropist and Activist & **Bernard Watson**, William Penn Foundation

2006: R. Duane Perry, President, The Food Trust & **Dorothy Johnson-Speight**, President, Mothers In Charge

2005: Judge Nicholas A. Cipriani, Administrative Judge, Philadelphia Juvenile Courts and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges