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## NOMINATE AN UNSUNG DIFFERENCE MAKER FOR YOUTH

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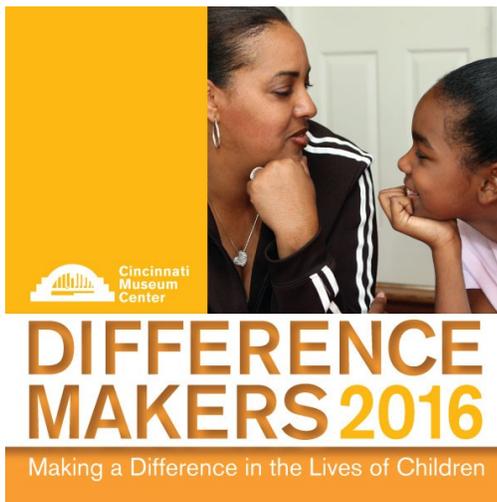
Do you know someone who works tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of children?

Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC) wants to honor them at the eighth annual Duke Energy Children's Museum Difference Makers Awards on February 6, 2016 and is looking for widespread community help in identifying and nominating those who share CMC's focus to better the lives of children in our community.

"This is an exciting opportunity to honor the people who humbly make a difference for children every day," says Donna Zaring, corporate communications director at Truepoint Wealth Counsel and chair of the 2016 Difference Makers Awards. "Our mission is to honor these often unsung heroes and inspire the next generation of difference makers growing up in our communities."

The Difference Makers program recognizes those people who work to make a difference in the lives of children and the communities in which they grow, learn and play. CMC wants to honor the unsung heroes - the grandmothers and foster parents, the volunteers and small community organizations, the teenagers and budding child advocates - along with larger organizations and professionals who make the Greater Cincinnati region a better place for children.

Since the original Difference Mak-



ers event in 2008, more than 220 fantastic nominees have been recognized! Past honorees were nominated for baking cookies and donating the proceeds to local charitable organizations; operating a lemonade stand and using the proceeds to buy food for a local food pantry; using classical music to bring children of different ethnic and economic classes together; helping pregnant and parenting teens to raise children while continuing to pursue their dreams; and much more.

Nominations are now being accepted through October 9<sup>th</sup> in the following categories:

- Youth - under 18 years of age
- Adult Volunteer - unpaid individuals
- Adult Professional - Paid professional
- Large Business - For-profit organi-

zation exceeding \$2 million in revenue

- Small Business - For-profit organization not exceeding \$2 million in revenue
- Large Non-profit - More than 50 full-time employees
- Small Non-profit - Less than 50 full-time employees
- Youth & School Group

"There are incredible individuals and organizations throughout our community who are taking it upon themselves to build a brighter future for children right here in the Greater Cincinnati region," says Elizabeth Pierce, president and CEO of Cincinnati Museum Center. "Our Duke Energy Children's Museum is proud to have an impact in the lives of children but we can't do it alone and we are humbled every year to meet and celebrate those in the community who share our passion for healthy childhood development."

Help CMC share the work and deeds of unsung heroes! Nominate a deserving person or group today!

For more information or to nominate someone today visit [www.cincymuseum.org/difference-makers](http://www.cincymuseum.org/difference-makers) or call (513) 287-7000.

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