

KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR PLAY THERAPY

The Rick Gaskill Luminary Award Recognizing Excellence in the Field of Play Therapy

Purpose:

The Rick Gaskill Luminary Award recognizes outstanding achievement and significant contributions in the field of play therapy, a recognized mental health treatment for people of all ages. The Rick Gaskill Luminary Award has been established in honor of Richard “Rick” Gaskill. Dr. Gaskill has dedicated more than 20 years promoting, encouraging, and educating mental health professionals in the field of play therapy. This award is given to those who represent the mission of KSAPT, have provided a light for other play therapists, and valuable service.

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found a way to serve”

-Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Eligibility:

Only members of KSAPT are eligible for nomination of this award.

The Rick Gaskill Luminary Award recognizes an individual or organization that has met several of the following criteria:

- a) Actively promote and engage in activities that raise awareness about play therapy as a treatment for people of all ages.
- b) Contribute to the body of play therapy knowledge.
- c) Encourage mental health professionals to excel at their trade.
- d) Educate others in the use of play therapy concepts and techniques.
- e) Supervise mental health professionals so they can achieve APT credentials.
- f) Served as a volunteer, i.e. committee or board member for KSAPT or APT.
- g) Conduct research to support the validity of play therapy as a profession.
- h) Support the establishment of APT approved programs and/or APT Approved Providers.
- i) Author articles to further educate the public and professionals about play therapy.
- j) Demonstrate compassion and dedication to helping meet the psychological, social, emotional, biological and neurodevelopmental needs of children.
- k) Educate, train, motivate, supervise, and/or mentor mental health professionals in the techniques and theories of play therapy.
- l) Provide a lasting contribution to the play therapy field.

Instructions:

Nomination form must be filled out completely and legibly (please print or type).

Attach a maximum of four attachments to support the nomination, i.e. pictures, newspaper articles, certificates, references to training or published works.

Include letters of support from of no more than one page each from at least two different people.

The KSAPT Board may request additional information from nominees, nominators or agencies.

The KSAPT Board accepts nominations, presents findings and makes the final selection.

Nomination form and attachments become the property of KSAPT and may be used during the presentation ceremony.

Nominations must be received by March 1.

Helpful Tips:

Be specific and concise in giving examples.

Include anecdotes, personal stories, etc. that exemplify the impact of the work of and demonstrate the nominee.

Please keep the identity of people served confidential.