



*2025 JoAnn Spees
Youth Advocacy Award*

Submit Nominations to:
Council on Adolescents of Catawba County
1120 Fairgrove Church Rd. SE Suite 22
Hickory, NC 28602 **OR**
JLedford@coacatawba.org

The JoAnn Spees Youth Advocacy Award

The JoAnn Spees Youth Advocacy Award was established in 2014 in honor of JoAnn Spees, former Executive Director and one of the founders of the Council on Adolescents of Catawba County, Inc.

This prestigious award honors the individual, community, group, or business whose efforts have promoted healthy lifestyles and empowered youth to make healthy life choices so that they can reach their full potential.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The nominee's service to youth must have been provided within Catawba County
- The nominee must be recognized as directly responsible for empowering youth to make healthy life choices

Nomination Process:

- 1) Complete the attached nomination form.
- 2) Include (1) letter of recommendation from a person **other** than the nominator who is familiar with the nominee's service. The letter must explain:
 - **How** and **Why** the service rendered by the nominee is extraordinary
 - List the Results as they relate to the impact of service for the community
- 3) **ALL** application materials for the JoAnn Spees Youth Advocacy Award must be sent to the Council on Adolescents of Catawba County office by either mail or email to JLedford@coacatawba.org by **Friday, April 11th 2025**. Nomination forms can be found at www.coacatawba.org.

The 2025 Award will be presented on Thursday, May 8th at the Council on Adolescents' Annual Wake-Up Call Breakfast Fundraiser.



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Category: Individual () Group ()

Nominee Information

Name of Individual or Group: _____

Address: _____

Agency or Business: _____

Email Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Job Title (if applicable): _____

How many years has the nominee been involved in community service? _____

If applicable, how long has the professional been employed in their work to assist children? _____

Community Involvement

An explicit/clear distinction must be made between the service performed as part of one's job description and service performed above and beyond one's personal, professional, and civic duties. The focus should primarily be on the impact/results of the service rendered. Please list agencies that nominee volunteers for: **(100 word maximum)**



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Significant Achievement

List significant community impact that the nominee's accomplishment had on promoting healthy lifestyles and empowering youth to make healthy life choices. Please include distinctions or honors that nominee may have received. (100 word maximum)

Explanation of Why

Why should the nominee receive this award? On a separate sheet of paper please provide specific, detailed examples and data to support your nomination. The essay must explain the following (250 word maximum):

- **How** and **Why** the service rendered by the nominee is extraordinary
- List the Results as they relate to the impact of service for the community

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date Submitted: _____

***** DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 11th*****