



Hearty and heartfelt  
congratulations on this  
amazing achievement!  
Ame Enright

*Congrats to you Diane,  
what an honor to have  
so many people look up  
to you and all of your  
hard work!*  
Amanda Brody

*Congratulations, Diane!  
Thank you for all of your  
amazing contributions to  
our field!*  
Tiffany Key

**Congratulations Diane!**  
Your vast experience  
and your many  
accomplishments is so  
inspiring!  
Sarah Patterson

**Congratulations Diane!**  
Victoria Vaden (Awards  
Committee Member)

**Congratulations  
Diane! What an  
accomplishment.**  
Tracy Akitt

*Congrats Diane!*  
We are so honored to be able to work  
with you here at Children's Minnesota!  
Rachel Calvert

Congratulations Diane! Thank  
you for your contributions to  
the profession.  
Michelle Minyard-Widmann

Congratulations Diane! Yeah, celebrate you! Thank you for all the  
amazing work you have done and the amazing positive impact you  
have had on child life!

Ashley Rapske

Congratulations! You've  
created a wonderful  
impact on our field and  
legacy for yourself.  
Thank you for all that  
you do!  
Symone Farmer

Congratulations, Diane!  
You absolutely earned it!  
Your work is inspiring  
and I'm excited for  
everyone in our field to  
hear your story!  
Nicole Boik

Congratulations Diane! You  
have had a tremendous impact  
on the profession!  
Megan Hariger

Congratulations Diane!  
Thank you for your years  
of service and dedication  
to our profession. Wishing  
you all the best!  
Janis Smith

Congratulations,  
Diane! You are such a  
deserving recipient of  
this award!  
Anita Pumphrey

Congratulations  
Diane! Thank you for  
the positive  
difference you have  
made! You are  
amazing!!  
Ashley Rapske

Congratulations Diane! You  
have done incredible work  
throughout your many years  
of service. You are inspiring!  
Becca Bullock

Congratulations Diane!!! The dedication to the child life department at Children's Minnesota shines through all the students you have mentored over the years in multiple childrens hospitals benefitting thousands of patient families on a daily basis!  
Betsy Brand

*Congrats Diane! I have felt so fortunate to have been able to work alongside you over the years. This is a well-deserved award for all of your dedication to the Child Life profession.*  
Jodi Betsinger

Congratulations, Diane! It has been a pleasure having you as a coworker here at Children's. You have done amazing work throughout your career!  
Jordan Blakeslee

YOU ARE SO INSPIRING  
AND DESERVING OF SUCH  
HIGH PRAISE!  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
YOU DIANE!! ☆  
TARA

Congratulations, Diane! Thank you so much for your many years of work and collaboration. I've learned so much from you on how to support our littlest patients, their families, and as well as being a kind and supportive colleague. Thank you for your modeling and your heart!  
Sarah Woolever

Congratulations, Diane! You are so deserving of this award! You are always so dedicated to your patients, their families. We are so lucky to call you a colleague!  
Alicia Little

*Congrats, Diane! Thank you for all you've contributed to patients and families, your colleagues, and to the many students you have mentored and supervised.*  
Kirstin Molsather

Congratulations, Diane, on recognition that is so well-deserved. Your compassion and dedication to patients and families is an inspiration. I am so grateful to be on your team.

Kayla Shafer

*Congratulations Diane!*

*There's no one more  
dedicated to our  
patients and families  
than you. I hope you  
enjoy this recognition  
that you so deserve.*

*Jen Nagorski*

You are amazing  
Diane! Your talent  
and hard work has  
touched so many lives!  
Congratulations!  
Melissa Buckentine

Congratulations Diane!

Kim

Congratulations, Diane!  
Mary Bean (ACLP)

Dearest Diane~ Mentor and resource to all!  
What an inspiration you have been to each of  
us! You continue to shine your light brightly  
on every person who is fortunate enough to  
meet you! Congratulations on this well  
deserved recognition and for your dedication  
to patients and families over so many years.

Children's Minnesota is so blessed!

Judy Sawyer

Congratulations, Diane!

You are truly inspiring!

Alyssa Watkins

Congratulations Diane!!

You are so deserving of  
this award! Our  
department and the  
families we serve are  
very lucky to have you at  
Children's MN!

Sydney weaver

Congratulations!!!  
You are such a  
blessing to so many.  
Kathi Rokke

*Congratulations Diane!*

*You truly are so deserving of this award. You inspired me so much in me during my own internship and I am ever appreciative of your continued mentorship.*

*Analise Lotz*

Congrats Diane! A well deserved recognition of your life's work.

Colleen Kulesa

Congratulations, Diane on receiving the Mary Barkey award! Your dedication and passion in supporting patients, families, and colleagues is inspiring!

Cala Hefferan

*To one of the best! You truly have been a gift to so many lives you have touched over all these years.*

*Not only to patients and families, but to the staff and students also. Your lives work has been a blessing to us all. Bravo and well done!*

*Laura Sufka*

*Congrats!*  
*Jennifer Roady*

Congratulations Diane! I am grateful to call you my colleague and dear friend. I am so happy your dedication to the child life profession is being recognized and celebrated. Your energy, creativity and passion is inspiring to all.

Christi Dady

Diane - Congratulations on this high achievement - it is truly so deserved! Your dedication, humility, and perseverance have set such an amazing example for others to follow. I am so blessed to have been an intern under your supervision and now a colleague for the past 10 years. Children's MN is so very lucky to have you!

Krista Majerus

Diane,  
Congratulations! You are so deserving of this award.

I have appreciated your wisdom, patience, mentorship and kindness over the years.

Sarah Magnuson

Congratulations, Diane!  
You deserve every bit of celebration! So proud to be a part of your team.

Megg



Diane-

It is an honor to be recognized by our profession as a whole, but the true honor lies in the legacy you have established as a guiding post for Child Life Specialists everywhere. We have all been blessed by your true sense of purpose and commitment to cause with the greatest beneficiaries being the children and patients you have helped during the most challenging of life's moments.

Jeri Kayser

*Congratulations, Diane. You have touched the lives of so many patients and families over the years. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the field of child life. It is an honor to work alongside you at Children's MN.*  
Kimberly Andersen

*Congratulations, Diane! You deserve it, and have taught all of us so much. Thank you for being such a beacon of light - you truly give every one of us something to aspire to!*  
Annika Kuelbs

Congratulations, Diane! I'm so happy that you're getting the recognition you deserve! You have been a wonderful teacher, mentor, and teammate to so many in your amazing career! Thank you for all that you do for your colleagues, students, and patients and families! I wouldn't be where I am in my child life career without your support and guidance!

Kirsten Granberg

Congratulations Diane! What a beautiful recognition of your collective clinical work and cultivating future child life specialists. Thank you for your service!

Eileen Clark

Congratulations Diane!

What an amazing accomplishment! Huge congratulations to you and thank you for all you have done for the profession. Hope that you celebrate well!

Best,

Molly Duggan

Diane,  
You have been a dedicated player in our team and the field of Child Life! Our families have been fortunate to have you to make their days bright and some of their hardest moments memorable. You have been instrumental in making our intern program top notch and we are fortunate to have your kind spirit in our lives each and every day! Congratulations, you are so deserving!  
Melissa Haun

**Congratulations, Diane!**  
**Thank you for being such an influential member of the Child Life community! I am lucky to have you as a mentor in this field!**  
Anna

*Congratulations Diane! What a wonderful and well deserved award!*  
Deb Crimmins

Congratulations and thank you for all your years of service!  
Samantha Clemente

Congratulations Diane on this high honor-you are so deserving of it with the amazing work you have done over the years. We are all so lucky to benefit from your knowledge, mentorship, kindness, and birthday balloons! You have touched the lives of countless children and families. Warmly,

Erinn Frees

**Congratulations, Diane, on this wonderful occasion of celebrating your important work and gifts to our field and to your patients and families. You have earned the respect and appreciation of those who nominated you, and now we all get to know about your good work too and celebrate you as well. Enjoy the ride!!**

**All my best,**  
**Deb Vilas**

CONGRATULATIONS DIANE!  
WHAT AN INSPIRATION YOU  
ARE! THANK YOU ALL THAT  
YOU DO TO IMPROVE THE  
LIVES OF CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES.  
SHERWOOD BURNS-NADER

Congratulations, Diane! What an  
incredible impact you've made on our  
field and the lives of your patients and  
families. Thank you for your passion,  
dedication, and hard work. You are  
truly an inspiration!  
Lindsay Heering

***CONGRATULATIONS DIANE! YOU ARE  
AN INSPIRATION TO ALL CHILD LIFE  
SPECIALISTS. YOUR CALMING AND  
NURTURING NATURE HAS LEFT AN  
IMPACT ON SO MANY OVER THE YEARS.  
CHEERS TO YOUR HARD WORK AND  
DEDICATION. CELEBRATE THE HONOR  
OF THIS AWARD. IT IS SO WELL  
DESERVED!  
MANDY SCOTT***

Congratulations Diane  
on this well deserved  
award! The amazing work  
you do everyday is  
inspiring! You are a  
blessing to everyone!  
Stacey Deutsch

Congratulations Diane! I've so  
appreciated your willingness to  
share your expertise with me  
over the last couple years. I'm  
also grateful for your time and  
check ins when my own baby  
was in the NICU, it was such a  
comfort to see you! I'm so  
happy your kindness, dedication  
and skill is being recognized!  
Katie Larson



Congratulations Diane on this well deserved recognition! I am so glad that your many accomplishments are being recognized for all to see. I'm also honored to have had you mentor me as an intern and now as a fellow colleague. You are an inspiration to many!

Kristy Adams Vankempen



Sending appreciation one card at a time.