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## **KidsPeace Foster Care Program Manager in Fayetteville Receives Organization's Highest Employee Award**



**SCHNECKSVILLE, PA (March 26, 2018)** - Jennifer Lescaleet, program manager for KidsPeace's foster care office in Fayetteville, NC, recently received the organization's highest employee honor – the *Spirit of KidsPeace Award*. The announcement was made at KidsPeace's annual Associate Recognition Awards ceremony at its headquarters in Pennsylvania.

The *Spirit of KidsPeace Award* is described as reflecting “the dedication of the associate to the Mission and Vision of KidsPeace, as well as to the organizational values of Integrity, Human Well Being, Quality, Compassion, Respect, and Excellence. Through his/her actions and interactions, this associate exemplifies the best our organization has to offer, going above and beyond for the sake of the clients, the families, and the organization. This associate is a role model for others in the way that he/she relates to the clients, parents and families, fellow staff, and internal and external customers.”

Lescaleet joined KidsPeace in 2007, and was named program manager for the Fayetteville office in 2012. She was nominated for the *Spirit of KidsPeace Award* for her efforts to create a productive work environment in the office – efforts that were credited with improved performance and improved working relationships within the office and within the community, including the naming of KidsPeace as the Best Nonprofit in Fayetteville last year by Up & Coming Weekly.

“I’m truly humbled and grateful to receive the *Spirit of KidsPeace Award*,” Lescaleet said. “In Fayetteville we have seen firsthand what it takes to carry out our mission successfully, and it’s incredibly motivating to work each day with my colleagues, foster parents and our great supporters to bring hope, help and healing to the children we serve.”

*For more than 135 years, KidsPeace has been building on its expertise to give hope, help and healing to children, families and communities throughout the United States. Through its comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; unique psychiatric hospital and foster care and community-based programs, KidsPeace is dedicated to helping people connect, transform and overcome their challenges to ensure a stable future, transition to adulthood and gain independence. Since its doors opened in 1882, more than 200,000 children have participated in one of the multitude of programs KidsPeace offers.*

*For additional resources or more information on how to get involved, become a foster parent or make a donation, please visit [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org). Follow us at [www.facebook.com/kidspeace.org](https://www.facebook.com/kidspeace.org) or on Twitter @KidsPeace.*

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