The Vivian Harris Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations making an outstanding contribution to special education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs.

Background
Vivian Harris is a prominent business woman from New York City. Vivian has spent her entire adult life championing support for special-needs children. She has served as trustee and chairman of Scouting for the Handicapped of Greater New York Council, president of the Children’s Oncology Society (Ronald McDonald House of New York), and a member of the National Advisory Board on Technology and the Disabled.

Purpose
The award is designed to recognize individuals or organizations making an outstanding contribution to special education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs.

Awards to Individuals
The council may present the Vivian Harris Award to men and women who have rendered an outstanding contribution to special education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs. Each council may determine the procedure for granting the award. The nomination form is attached and may be found on the Learning for Life website soon.

Awards to Organizations
The council may present the Vivian Harris Award to schools, businesses, industries, labor unions, governmental agencies, civic clubs, fraternal groups, and other community organizations that have demonstrated outstanding contributions to special education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs.

Recognition Plaque
Design a local ceremony and order the award (No. 17435) from the National Distribution Center for presentation.

Selection Procedure
The Vivian Harris Award selection committee is part of the program function of the local Learning for Life committee. Through proper public relations, focus attention on the recipient and his or her accomplishments.
Vivian Harris Award Nomination Form

The Vivian Harris Award is the highest recognition for individuals and organizations making an outstanding contribution to special education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs.

Nominations are due __________________________
Month/Day/Year

Information about nominee:

(Please help us by typing or printing legibly.)

Name of nominee (or organization) ________________________________________________

His or her position ____________________________________________________________

Company or organization that employs nominee _______________________________________

Nominee’s mailing address _______________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _______________ Zip ________________

Nominee’s work phone (_________) __________ Nominee’s e-mail address _______________

Information about the Vivian Harris Award nominee’s volunteer activities (You may use additional sheet for these descriptions. You’re welcome to include any letter of reference that you feel would strengthen your nomination.)

I. Primary organization for which your nominee volunteers: __________________________________________________

(A) Description of time commitment made by nominee:

(B) His or Her greatest contribution to special needs youth:

(C) Other Organizations:

II. Description of volunteer services provided by organization being nominated:

(A) Services provided by the organization:

(B) Time and manpower devoted to volunteer services:

(C) Organization’s greatest contributions to special needs youth:

_______ I have attached the requested information.

Information about you:

Today’s date __________________________

Your name _________________________________________________________________

Your position and company/organization affiliation __________________________________

Your mailing address _________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State _______________ Zip ________________________

Your work phone (____________________) ______ Your e-mail address ____________________

If my nominee is selected as a ____________________________ Vivian Harris Award recipient, I will ensure his or her attendance at the

_________________________ Year Recognition event/Dinner on ____________ Date

I will also encourage members of my organization and friends and associates of my nominee to attend.

Your signature _______________________________________________________________