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**Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development honors teachers at “Harvest Homecoming” benefit**

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SHAKER HEIGHTS – The 2021 Hadden Award from Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development will be presented to the Hanna Perkins School Teachers at the organization’s Harvest Homecoming benefit on Oct. 2, 2021.

The teachers are Noreen Acierno, Laura Cyrocki, Brianna Koniar, Noelle Marotta, Kirsten Radivoyevitch, Ellen Ross, Rique Sollisch, Barbara Streeter, Elisabetta Superchi and Fatemeh Toossi.

The Hadden Award honors the commitment of the late Lainie and Dr. John Hadden, whose inspired dedication enhanced the Hanna Perkins mission to champion the developmental wellness of children and families.

The teachers are being recognized for their embodiment of this mission, and their tireless work to support healthy social-emotional development in children during the pandemic.

“You can notice what makes our school different just by hearing the trust and respect in the conversations between our teachers and their students. Everything we do begins with that,” said Hanna Perkins CEO Karen Baer. “Over the past year, like teachers everywhere, our team had to reinvent the way they work. They kept children safe, healthy and actively engaged without ever bending on the unique approach that makes Hanna Perkins such an important resource for our families.”

The award ceremony and benefit will be held under a tent on the great lawn of Hanna Perkins Center, located at 19910 Malvern Road, Shaker Heights. The event will also be livestreamed for those who prefer to participate virtually. Attendees at the live event will be asked to wear masks when not seated at their table.

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The benefit, which is held every other year, brings together the entire community that supports children in the area – families, friends, educators, social workers and mental health professionals, alumni who have benefited from the agency’s services over the years, and even those who knew the building when it was Malvern Elementary School.

In addition to presentation of the Hadden Award, the benefit will feature cocktails, a live auction, raffles and plentiful food.

Proceeds support scholarships at Hanna Perkins School and other programs that provide direct help to children and families.

Information about tickets and sponsorships to Hanna Perkins’ Harvest Homecoming is available at 216-991-4472 or [hannaperkins.org/benefit2021/](http://hannaperkins.org/benefit2021/).

### **About Hanna Perkins**

Young children’s behavior communicates feelings they can’t put into words. Founded in 1951, Hanna Perkins is a non-profit agency that works with parents to discover what those behaviors mean, and to help children learn to communicate and manage their emotions for success in school and life.

On its Shaker Heights campus, located in the historic renovation of the former Malvern School, Hanna Perkins does this through a school (preschool and kindergarten) and a children’s mental health clinic. Out in the community, the organization works in schools, libraries and other locations to provide training and consultation to parents, teachers, social workers and others who work with children.

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**Hanna Perkins School teachers (L to R): Ellen Ross, Elisabetta Superchi, Barbara Streeter, Noreen Acierno, Laura Cyrocki, Fatemeh Toossi, Kirsten Radivoyevitch, Rique Sollisch, Noelle Marotta, Brianna Koniar**