

## Monica Sievertsen

Head of School, Whole Child Montessori Center (Primary)

*Nominated by Sarah Rinzler & Tassie Pringle*

- Leadership: Steps into classrooms to directly support guides and children.
- Community Builder: Leads with empathy, respect, and a calm strength that unites staff and families.
- Child-Centered Dedication: Lives the Montessori belief that “the children are our first priority.”

## Venus Zaron

Program Director – Early Childhood (Toddlers & Children’s House), Childpeace Montessori

*Nominated by Kelly Laboe*

- Visionary Communicator: Brings Montessori theory to life for families and educators through her words and actions.
- Transformational Leader: Guides powerful parent experiences like the *Silent Journey*.
- Educational Advocate: Elevates Montessori standards and collaboration across multiple programs.

## Anna Ardizzone

Lead Guide, 3–6 Children’s House, Sunstone Montessori School

*Nominated by Anonymous*

- Expert Practitioner: Creates an unparalleled learning environment of literacy, focus, and joy.
- Academic Excellence: Cultivates independence and preparedness that carry into elementary success.
- Joyful Learning: Inspires innate curiosity and balance within each child.

## Chara Stamp

Adolescent Head and Guide, Childpeace Montessori

*Nominated by Anonymous*

- Equity Leader: Centers inclusion and anti-bias work across staff and student experiences.
- Restorative Presence: Practices reconciliation and empathy-building in every adolescent interaction.
- Mentorship Champion: Supports identity development and belonging through mentorship and compassionate dialogue.



## Heather Hiatt

Lead Older Elementary Montessori Guide,  
Lupine Community Montessori Charter  
School *Nominated by Anonymous & Jen  
Wylde*

- Inclusive Guide: Ensures every child feels seen, capable, and valued in the community.
- Social–Emotional Educator: Builds empathy and belonging through consistent Grace and Courtesy lessons.
- Reflective Practitioner: Continuously refines her methods and shares generously with peers.

## Grace Sayre

Primary Guide, SunGarden Montessori  
*Nominated by Anonymous*

- Intentional Communicator:  
Keeps families informed and involved through proactive updates and engagement events.
- Peaceful Presence:  
Creates a calm, reliable space where children feel secure and valued.
- Child Connection Expert:  
Deeply understands peer dynamics and teaches self-regulation skills that extend beyond the classroom.