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## Now Accepting Nominations for the Golden Baby Shoe Awards

FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, May 11, 2016: Nominations are being accepted until June 15<sup>th</sup> for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Baby Shoe Awards. Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida is hosting the 7th Annual Golden Baby Shoe Awards to celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals who help give babies a healthy start in life. Awardees will be honored at the Golden Baby Shoe Awards Gala on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at Shadow Wood Country Club, 22801 Oakwilde Boulevard, Bonita Springs.

## **HOW ARE AWARDEES SELECTED?**

Nominations are received from patients, co-workers, and friends from all four counties. An individual who may be nominated for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Is a Doctor, Nurse, Mid-wife, Social Worker or other Health Care/Social Service Provider involved in the direct care of pregnant women, new mothers and/or babies;
- Has made a positive impact on improving the health of mothers and babies;
- Has demonstrated an enthusiasm and dedication for their work;
- Is well respected by colleagues and clients; and
- Has provided services in Lee, Collier, Glades or Hendry County Florida.
- Has gone "above and beyond" his/her normal job description to make an impact.

Please note past awardees are not eligible, and each person may nominate only 2 candidates.

## **HOW TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE?**

All nominations due by June 15, 2016

Complete and/or print a nomination form at

www.GoldenBabyShoe.org.

For more information, please call (239) 425-6920.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Selection Committee, and awardees will be notified by July 31.

**About Healthy Start:** Healthy Start is a not for profit 501(c) (3) organization, serving Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties since 1992. The organization provides services that help to reduce infant deaths and increase healthy births in Southwest Florida. Last year more than 14,000 pregnant women and babies received education and support, and 95 cents of every dollar received went to local services.