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Judson ISD Educator Nominated for National Life Changer of the Year Award

Converse, TX – Miller's Point Elementary School music director Bonnie Anderson has been nominated for the 2021-2022 National Life Changer of the Year award. Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, Life Changer of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Anderson was nominated by her colleague, Brenda Johnson for exceeding one's expectations when it comes to the term "teacher." Her commitment for producing and creating a positive school atmosphere is evident by her strong work ethic and faultless principles. She helps meet the needs of her students outside of music, by pulling together a team of counselors, community support, and other outreach programs when needed.

Her list of accomplishments is long, and she is Teacher of the Year for her school, district, and region. She and her students have performed at a plethora of venues in the state and beyond, including Carnegie Hall in New York City. These performances have taught the students how important it is to give back to the community and given them the opportunity to learn what it truly means to approach learning with creativity, curiosity, and enthusiasm

Additionally, Anderson is committed to helping others make a difference in the lives of their students. She mentors other teachers from all over the nation and has presented workshops at the school, district, state, and national levels. Her face lights up when she talks about her time in service of others.

"Bonnie was one of six finalists for Teacher of the Year 2022 for the state. I personally saw how humble Bonnie was with all the excitement. I witnessed her tears as she reminded everyone that it takes a village to raise a child...She would say, 'I could not have done this without the help of my students, teachers, and parents, along with the Judson ISD community.' Because of her selfless dedication to others, Bonnie truly deserves this honor. She, humbly and gracefully, rises above the standard of what we all aspire to be," said Johnson.

About Life Changer of the Year

Each school year, Life Changer of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Eighteen individual Life Changer of the Year awards will be given during the 2021-2022 school year.

- (1) Grand Prize Winner – will receive \$10,000 to be shared with their school/district.
- (4) Grand Prize Finalists – will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.
- (10) Life Changer Award Winners – will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their school/district.
- (1) Spirit Award Winner – This award is given to the nominee whose community demonstrates the most support for their nomination. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.
- (1) Capstone Award Winner - This award is given to a nominee retiring at the end of the 2020-21 school year. The winner will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their school or district.



(1) Spotlight Award Winner – This award is given to a nominee in a specific discipline each year. For 2021-22, the Spotlight Award will be given to a school nurse. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school or district.

Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals and will be announced in early 2022. Nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must:

- Make a positive impact in the lives of students
- Enhance their school or district's atmosphere, culture and pride
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and/or district level
- Possess a proven record of professional excellence
- Show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning
- Adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards

To view Bonnie Anderson's Life Changer of the Year nominee profile, or to nominate someone from your school community, visit www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com.

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About Judson ISD

Judson Independent School District is a Pre-K through 12th grade public school district in the San Antonio area. Prior to its current form, the district was known as Judson Rural School District No. 8. The rural district was created on June 25, 1958, by the Bexar County School Board and combined the existing districts of Converse, Kirby and Selma. The new district was named after Moses Campbell Judson. Today, Judson ISD serves over 23,000 students within the incorporated cities of Converse, Kirby, Live Oak, San Antonio, Selma, and Universal City. Judson ISD produces excellence throughout all campuses and builds strong connections with the community. The district earned a B rating from the Texas Education Agency and is constantly working on innovative ways to enhance the learning for its students. Judson ISD believes in providing a strong foundation for early learners by offering full day Pre-Kindergarten programs beginning at 3 years old. Being a district of choice provides Judson families to customize their own educational experiences through the multitude of programs the District has to offer. For more information, visit www.judsonisd.org