



Montague Area Public Schools Educator Nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award

February 24, 2025 –Montague, MI– Montague Area Child Center kindergarten teacher Janelle Flynn has been nominated for National Life Group's 2024-25 LifeChanger of the Year award. Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger 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.

Flynn was nominated by the parent of a student, Krystal Yeager, for her unwavering dedication and love for her students. Her constant effort to improve the lives of her students, especially those with extra accommodations, sets her apart as an exceptional educator.

"Mrs. Flynn was a teacher for both of my children," said Yeager. "Her love for her students shows every day. She is constantly looking for ways to better her students. She is very kind and thoughtful. My son begs to go back to her class."

Flynn's commitment to her students goes above and beyond, providing thoughtful care and accommodations for each child, ensuring that every student feels supported and valued.

About LifeChanger of the Year

Since 2011, LifeChanger of the Year has recognized and rewarded more than 8,500 K-12 teachers, administrators, and school employees in 2,300+ school districts. The program has awarded over \$790,000 in cash prizes to winners and their schools for making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Each school year, LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2024-2025 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) LifeChanger 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) Spotlight Award Winner – This award is given to a nominee in a specific discipline each year. 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 2025. Nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must:

- Make a positive impact on 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