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## **Meritorious Service Award Recipients**

The International Nanny Association Meritorious Service Award goes to an INA member who has been a strong, sustained supporter of the International Nanny Association and its mission. Individuals eligible to receive this award cannot receive remuneration for the activities supporting the INA. The individual is a volunteer whose activities support the INA.

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, the INA Board of Directors awarded the INA Meritorious Service Award to Cate Matijevich from Chicago, Illinois. Cate has been a strong supporter of the INA for many years, spearheading the formation and growth of the INA Ambassador Program and the re-release of INA Chapters. She is a strong advocate for professionalism in the industry and volunteers countless hours for our organization.

Laura Schroeder, INA President said "I'm thrilled to see this honor be given to Cate. Her vision and drive brought the INA Chapters back to life. I can always count on Cate to do every task with integrity and excellence."

Being a nanny and managing principal's homes is Cate's passion and brings her the utmost joy in life. She is a dedicated professional, and has a heart for providing the highest caliber of service, which is shown through her work ethic both personally and professionally. Cate is an avid learner always seeking the best solutions for the children and their families. As a result of her studies and experience, she has developed innovative applications in the areas of health, wellness and communication, organization, and emotional control.

Cate has planned several interNational Nanny Training Day events, is the Director of the Estate Management Affiliates networking group, Co-admins a local nanny social media group, and is currently studying Hospitality to further her industry knowledge. Her desire to strengthen and grow international industry relationships is a proud goal.

### **About the International Nanny Association**

INA's mission is to serve as the umbrella association for the in-home child care industry by providing information, education, and guidance to the public and to industry professionals. The International Nanny Association (INA), a nonprofit organization, serves as the umbrella organization for the in-home child care industry. INA members include nannies, nanny employers, nanny agencies, educators and industry service providers. Since 1985, INA has worked to professionalize the industry by setting high standards for industry professionals and nanny agencies. INA leverages the expertise of industry professionals from around the globe to help increase awareness about the industry, to develop the professional skills of nannies, and to educate parents about the benefits of hiring a qualified nanny to care for their children.