



Vision of Hope Award 2012

The Vision of Hope Award is presented annually to a person committed to protecting children through violence prevention and intervention work.

Past recipients of this prestigious award

2006 - former Pennsylvania Governor and First Lady **Tom and Michele Ridge**, for their extraordinary leadership and dedication to the prevention of violence by and against our youth, including child sexual abuse.

2007 - **Girls as Grantmakers**, Co-Chairs Emma Blackman-Mathis and Jettie Fields, for their dedication to empowering young women to evaluate and issue grants for projects by and for girls in Allegheny County and especially for their achievement in bringing national attention to the exploitation of girls through derogatory clothing.

2008 - **Dr. Mary Carrasco**, director of A Child's Place at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, for her devotion to preventing child abuse and neglect over a 27 year career. She designed a family advocate program to prevent the separation of abused mothers from their children, made significant changes to the Foster Care Network and established centers for the evaluation, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

2009 - **Virginia Lieberman**, for her leadership and design of the HERO Project, a media-based campaign which encourages adult responsibility, awareness and action in order to protect children from sexual abuse. The project was recognized by the CDC as a promising practice and expanded state-wide in 2010 through a federal grant.

2010 – **Frank Cervone**, Executive Director at the Support Center for Child Advocates, for his work overseeing the country's oldest and largest pro bono legal and social services agency serving abused and neglected children. Since its founding in 1977, Child Advocates has trained more than 3,500 attorneys who contribute pro bono services valued at more than \$3.5 million annually.

2011 – **Cynthia Stine**, Education Outreach Coordinator and Child & Teen Advocate at Safe Haven of Pike County, for helping children who have suffered the devastation and trauma of child sexual abuse. Through her work leading the Rallying Youth Organizers Together (RYOT) Against Rape teen group and creating spaces where authentic dialogue can take place, Cindy has dedicated her career to changing social norms and directing the community focus toward prevention of child sexual abuse.

This award recognizes outstanding contributions in the area of child abuse prevention. It is awarded yearly to an individual that demonstrates a commitment to ensuring the safety of our children through increasing awareness, strengthening policies or creating initiatives/campaigns that promote healthy families and communities.

Criteria

- **Leadership.** Nominees must exhibit a sustained and outstanding commitment to the prevention of child abuse.
- **Collaboration.** Nominees' initiative includes promotion of partnerships and collaborations with the goal of protecting our youth from sexual abuse.
- **Innovation.** Nominees' distinguished work has made significant contributions to the health and welfare of our children in the area of child abuse prevention.
- **Advocacy.** Nominees' achievements demonstrate the importance of prevention and safety as well as community involvement and responsibility to combat child sexual abuse.

Deadline for Nominations: February 3, 2012

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2012 OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Daytime Phone:

Home Phone:

Email:

Signature of Nominee _____

Nomination Abstract Enclosure

- 1) Nominee's Experience - please provide an outline of this individual's experience as it relates to the prevention of child abuse; include biography if relevant.
- 2) Abstract of Nominee's Accomplishments - in 200 words or less, explain how this person contributes to the prevention of child sexual abuse through their work.
- 3) Samples of work, project materials and/or promotional articles enclosed: ___Yes ___No

Nominated by - Name:

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Winner will be recognized at the Vision of Hope Gala on March 31, 2012 in Hershey, PA

Return submission by February 3, 2012 to:

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