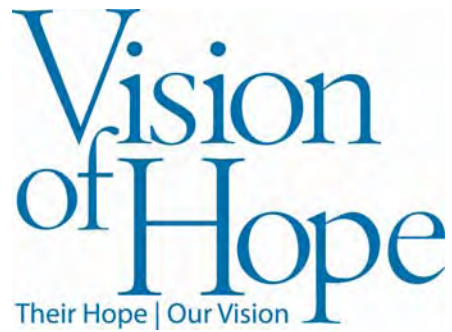


## **The Vision of Hope Award 2009**

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The Vision of Hope Award is presented annually to an individual(s) or organization committed to protecting our children through violence prevention and intervention work.



### **Recipients of this prestigious award:**

In 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.

In 2007, **Girls as Grantmakers**, Co-Chairs Emma Blackman-Mathis (age 16) and Jettie Fields (age 13), 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.

In 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, has made significant changes to the Foster Care Network and has established centers for the evaluation, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

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**Deadline for nominations: Friday, February 27, 2009**

Candidates for the Vision of Hope Award shall be properly nominated in accordance with The Vision of Hope Advisory Council's award nomination procedures as set forth below:

### **Eligibility:**

This award recognizes outstanding contributions in the area of child abuse prevention. It is awarded yearly to an individual or organization 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:** Nominee(s) must exhibit a sustained and outstanding commitment to the prevention of child abuse.

**Collaboration:** Nominee(s) initiative includes promotion of partnerships and collaborations with the goal of protecting our youth from sexual abuse.

**Innovation:** Nominee(s) distinguished work has made significant contributions to the health and welfare of our children in the area of child abuse prevention.

**Advocacy:** Nominee(s) achievements must demonstrate the importance of prevention and safety as well as community involvement and responsibility to combat child sexual abuse.

# The Vision of Hope Award

## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

*If you are nominating an organization, please provide the information for the person who would accept the award on behalf of the organization.*

### Nominee Information

Name:

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Title:

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Affiliation:

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Address:

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City/State/Zip:

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Daytime Phone:

Home Phone:

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Email:

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Signature of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

### Nomination Abstract Enclosure

1) Nominee's Experience - please provide an outline of this individual's or organization'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 or organization contributes to the prevention of child sexual abuse through their work.

3) Samples of work or project materials and/or promotional articles enclosed:  Yes  No

### Nominator's Information

Name:

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Email:

**Return submission by deadline to:**  
**Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape**  
**Attn: Delilah Rumburg, Executive Director**  
**125 North Enola Drive**  
**Enola, PA 17025**  
**Phone: 717-728-9740 Fax: 717-728-9781**