Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2012

IT'S TIME ... TO TALK ABOUT IT! CONNECT. RESPECT. PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

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National award honors 20 leaders in sexual violence prevention

ENOLA, Pa. — April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). In observance of this event, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) annual Visionary Voice Award highlights individuals throughout the country whose outstanding prevention work is making a significant impact in their communities. Nominees are selected by state, tribal, or territory anti-sexual violence coalitions and represent a wide-range of individuals working in various professions to end sexual violence and promote safe, healthy communities.

NSVRC is pleased to announce the 2012 Visionary Voice Award winners in partnership with the following coalitions:

- **P. Susan Mitchell**, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- **Mary F. Dillard**, Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Karen Cooper** (In memoriam), California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Paula Bragg**, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Catherine Malloy**, Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services
- **AnnParo S. Rios**, Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence
- **Abigail Kuzma**, Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Kathryn E. McNally Marro**, Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Jennie M. Forehand**, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc.
- **Marla C. Sohl**, Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition
- **Heather L. Gunnell**, New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- **Robert Edward Davis** and **Danielle Roach**, New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Sara Ganim** and **David Newhouse**, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
- **Sandy Madsen**, Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
- **Greg Skordas**, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **Cathleen H. Wilson**, Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- **Mary Ellen Stone**, Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
- **Renee Yokum**, West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services

"It is an honor to recognize the leadership and innovation of visionary voices who are contributing to sexual violence prevention. As we continue to make progress in preventing sexual violence, it is imperative that we take the time to acknowledge this outstanding work and celebrate these individuals in collaboration with the state and territory coalitions who have nominated them," said Karen Baker, NSVRC Director.

To learn more about SAAM and the Visionary Voice Award, visit: www.nsvrc.org. Founded by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape in 2000, the NSVRC develops and disseminates resources regarding all aspects of sexual violence prevention and intervention.

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