

# NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

## ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

### JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

**THEME: "25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act"**  
**APRIL 26 – MAY 2, 2009**

The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) will sponsor the 23rd annual observation of National Victims' Rights Week in Jacksonville. Individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievements on behalf of crime victims and victims' rights will be recognized. The Mayor's VAAC will present victims' rights awards in the following categories:

**COURAGEOUS VICTIM** – A victim of crime who has shown the courage to speak out and make a difference regarding fair treatment of victims in the criminal justice system and in our community.

**OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE** – A person or organization that has demonstrated excellence, compassion, and dedication in working for the welfare of victims, improvement of victims' services, and protection of victims' rights.

**JUDICIAL VICTIM ADVOCATE** – An individual (prosecutor, judge, or other judicial professional) who has demonstrated sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIM ADVOCATE** – An individual (police officer, correctional officer or other professional) who has demonstrated sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.

**MEDIA** – An individual, corporation or organization that has demonstrated respect for the dignity of victims of crime and sensitivity to victim issues.

A VAAC Selection Committee will choose the winner in each category. **Winners will be honored at our annual awards event during Victims' Rights Week.** Persons submitting nominations may be contacted for additional information and/or to present the awards.

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a nomination form for the one most outstanding candidate of your choice in one category on the official nomination form. You may nominate more than one person. Please complete a separate nomination form for each person. Your Nominee can be a paid professional, a volunteer, or an organization. Include at least two (2) of the following general areas of consideration in your nomination:

- Uniqueness of Contribution
- Impact of Service on/in the Community
- Amount of Time Spent on this Achievement

**DEADLINE: MONDAY, April 15, 2009**

Direct all inquiries to:

Kay Davis at (904) 354-0076 ext 345 or Dr. Delphia S. Williams at 630-6300.  
 2009 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AWARD  
 OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM  
 APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2009

**AWARD CATEGORY (check one):**

- Courageous Victim:       Outstanding Victim Advocate:  
 Judicial Victim Advocate:       Law Enforcement Victim Advocate:       Media:

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Reference & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Reference & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*A nominee reference is an additional witness to the nominee's performance.

Mail or e-mail return Nomination Form to:

**Attention: Delphia S. Williams, VAAC Coordinator**  
 403 West 10th Street  
 Jacksonville, FL 32206

Phone: 630-6300/Fax: 630-0770/Vaac@coj.net

Application must be received by April 15, 2009

Nominee's Qualifications: (Use additional sheets if necessary. Add nominee's name on each additional sheet.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Help us honor those who help others

The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) coordinates many of the services available to victims. Comprised of participants from every area of law enforcement, judicial, legal and benevolent resources, this group facilitates and advocates for crime victims in our community.

Now it is time to recognize those paid and volunteer workers who help make the traumatic situations for victims a little easier. Each year in April – designated as Victims Rights Month – VAAC honors outstanding persons in five categories:

**Courageous Victim** – Do you know a crime victim who has suffered personal injury or the death of a loved one and has overcome his or her trauma to reach out to others?

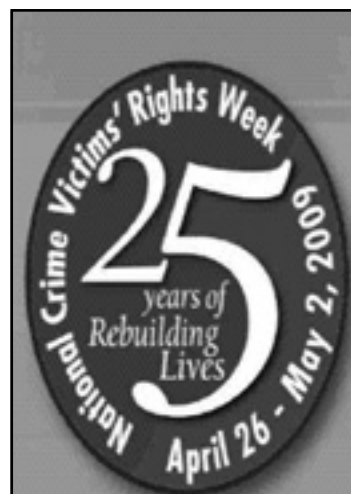
**Outstanding Victim Advocate** – Has a compassionate advocate in the community helped you or someone you know through the devastating effects of a crime?

**Judicial Victim Advocate** – Have you witnessed a judge's role in dealing with criminals and their victims that impressed you?

**Law Enforcement Victim Advocate** – Do you know an individual police officer who has demonstrated sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights?

**Media** – Have you been touched by a television report or a newspaper story relating the effects of crime on individuals or families?

Please take time to complete this nomination form and help us honor those who strive every day to help innocent victims of crime.



#### 2009 NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

**Monday, April 27**  
**Victims' Rights Week Kickoff Press Conference**

1:00 p.m. - Hemming Plaza

**Tuesday, April 28**  
**Strength in Unity March**

5:30 p.m. The Jacksonville Landing  
 (Participants will proceed across the Main Street Bridge to Friendship Fountain)

**Memorial Tribute and Candlelight Vigil**

6 p.m. Friendship Fountain

**Thursday, April 30**

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel  
 225 E. Coastline Dr.

**Tentative Seminar: Responding to Children in Crisis**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Resource Arena**

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Victims' Rights Week Annual Awards Luncheon**

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 1, 2009**  
**Victims' Rights Ceremony**

5:00 p.m. Clay County Courthouse  
 For more information on this Clay County event contact:  
 Meredith Murphy at 904-284-0340

**For more information, contact Kay Davis at 354-0076 x 328 or Thelma Jackson at 630-6330 or visit www.coj.net keyword "VAAC".**

*Celebrating the*  
**Victims of Crime Act**