

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

APRIL 6-12, 2003

ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

THEME: "VICTIMS' RIGHTS: FULFILL THE PROMISE"

The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) will sponsor Jacksonville's 17th Annual Observation Of National Victims Rights Week in Jacksonville. Individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievements on behalf of crime victims rights will be recognized. The Mayor's VAAC will present the victims' rights awards in the following categories:

- 1. COURAGEOUS VICTIM AWARD** — 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.
- 2. OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE AWARD** — 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.
- 3. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD** — An individual (police officer, prosecutor, judge, or other professional) who has demonstrated sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.
- 4. MEDIA AWARD** — An individual, corporation or organization that has demonstrated respect for the dignity of victims of crime and sensitivity to victim issues.
- 5. COMMUNITY MEDAL OF HONOR** — An individual, agency or business, that provides behind the scene support to people in our community who have been victimized.

A VAAC Selection Committee will choose the winner in each category. **Winners will be honored at the Victims' Rights Awards Luncheon on April 10, 2003.** Persons making nominations may be contacted for additional information.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a nomination form for the most outstanding candidate of your choice in one category on the attached **OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**. You may submit more than one nomination form. Your Nominees can be a paid professional, a volunteer, or an organization. Include at least 2 of the following general areas of consideration in your nomination.

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

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003

Direct all inquiries to: Debbi Thomas at 723-5880 or e-mail debbi_thomas@dcf.state.fl.us

**2003 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AWARD
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 7, 2003**

Name of nominee _____ Phone: _____
 Agency: _____ Phone: _____
 Position: _____ Years of Service _____
 Address: _____ Phone _____
 City/State/Zip: _____

AWARD CATEGORIES (check one)

COURAGEOUS VICTIM: _____ OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE: _____
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE: _____ MEDIA AWARD: _____
 COMMUNITY MEDAL OF HONOR: _____

Name of Nominator: _____
 Address of Nominator _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Additional Nominator Reference and Phone: _____
 Additional Nominee Reference and Phone: _____

Nominee's Qualifications: (use additional sheets if necessary).

RETURN NOMINATION FORM TO:

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 403 West 10th Street - Jacksonville, FL 32206
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 Phone: 630-6300/Fax: 630-0770
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