

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

IN JACKSONVILLE

"Bringing Honor to Victims"

APRIL 19 - APRIL 27, 2002

The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) will sponsor the 16th 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 orga-

nization that has demonstrated respect for the dignity of victims of crime and sensitivity to victim issues.

5. COMMUNITY MEDAL OF HONOR – An individual, business, agency or organization that has demonstrated support for victims of crime and/or victim issues.

A VAAC Selection Committee will choose the winner in each category. Winners will be honored at the Victims' Rights Award Luncheon on April 26th 2002. Persons making nominations may be contacted for additional information.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a nomination form for the one 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.

Uniqueness of Contribution

Impact of Service on/in the community

Amount of Time Spent on this Achievement

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002

Direct all inquiries to:

Debbi Thomas at

723-2032 or email debbi_thomas@dcf.state.fl.us

VAAC Victims Rights Week

2002

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

• Friday, April 19, 2002

Opening Event MADD CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

For all Victims of Crime
Presented by Mothers Against Drunk Driving

St. Matthews Church 7:00 p.m./Info: call 743-4040

• Saturday, April 20 - Wednesday, April 24

RESOURCE FAIR AT AVENUES MALL

Information Exhibits for Crime Victim Services and Programs
Presented by the Greater Jacksonville Victim Serving Organizations & Agencies

• Tuesday, April 23

"THE THREE R'S IN DEALING WITH TRAUMA IN SCHOOLS: READINESS, RESPONSE & RECOVERY"

National satellite teleconference
Presented by Partnerships for Preventing Violence

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Department of Children and Families
5920 Arlington Expressway

• Thursday, April 25

"A TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS"

at Friendship Park

5:30 p.m. — Musical Prelude

6:00 p.m. — Program
Presented by Compassionate Families

• Friday, April 26

"TERRORISM: THE NEW CHALLENGE FOR AMERICA — A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE"

"BEING SAFE IN UNSAFE TIMES"

A Seminar conducted by Chief Gordon Bass, JSO

at Hilton Hotel (Southbank)

8:00 a.m. — Registration

Noon — Award Luncheon

"BRINGING HONOR TO VICTIMS"

at Hilton Hotel (Southbank)

Presented by The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council



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2002 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AWARD
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
Application Deadline: March 22, 2002

Name of nominee: _____

Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Position: _____ Years of Service: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

AWARD CATEGORY (check one)

Courageous Victim: _____

Criminal Justice: _____

Community Medal of Honor: _____

Outstanding Advocate: _____

Media Award: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address of Nominator: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Additional Nominee Reference and Phone: _____

Additional Nominee Reference and Phone: _____

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

Return Nomination Form to:

Victims' Services Center

Attn: Mary Blake-Holley

403 West 10th Street

Jacksonville, FL 32206

Phone: 630-6300, fax: 630-0770, email: mholley@coj.net