

Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony 4/12/19

Featuring:

**OAG Excellence Awards
for Victims' Justice**



Keynote Speakers:

Jeffrey S. Bucholtz, M.A.
Director, We End Violence

Byron Hurt
Filmmaker, Writer and Activist

Panel Discussion:

Men of Strength

Training Workshop:

Yes! Yes! Yes!
**Coming to Terms with Consent
and Preventing Sexual Violence.**

A Note on the National Theme:

Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future.



The 2019 national theme for Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future." The theme celebrates the progress made by those who served before us, and the challenges faced by those presently working in the field. The goal is to create a future of crime victim services that are more inclusive, accessible, and trauma-informed. Here in New Jersey, we have further focused the national theme on exploring where we have come, and where we are going in the engagement of men in our crime prevention efforts. We hope that by redefining healthy masculinity, men can continue to serve as agents of change in creating a culture where violence is not the norm.

Crime Victims' Rights in America: A Historical Overview

National Crime Victims' Rights Week creates an opportunity for communities to come together and reflect on the history of crime victims' rights.

Following are the key pieces of Federal legislation that strengthened the rights of victims.

1974: Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

1980: Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act

1982: Victim and Witness Protection Act

1982: Missing Children's Act

1984: Victims of Crime Act

1984: Justice Assistance Act

1984: Missing Children's Assistance Act

1984: Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

1985: Children's Justice Act

1988: Drunk Driving Prevention Act

1990: Hate Crime Statistics Act

1990: Victims of Child Abuse Act

1990: Victims' Rights and Restitution Act

1990: National Child Search Assistance Act

1992: Battered Women's Testimony Act

1993: Child Sexual Abuse Registry Act

1994: Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act

1994: Violence Against Women Act

1996: Community Notification Act (Megan's Law)

1996: Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act

1996: Mandatory Victims' Restitution Act

1997: Victims' Rights Clarification Act

1998: Identity Theft and Deterrence Act

2000: Trafficking Victims Protection Act

2001: Air Transportation Safety and
System Stabilization Act (established
September 11 Victim Compensation Fund)

2003: PROTECT Act (Amber Alert Law)

2003: Prison Rape Elimination Act

2003: Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act

2004: Justice For All Act, including Title I
The Scott Campbell, Stephanie Roper,
Wendy Preston, Louarna Gillis,
and Nila Lynn Crime Victims' Rights Act

2006: Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act

2010: Tribal Law and Order Act



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7 - 13, 2019, promotes better treatment of victims to help them overcome the harm caused by crime and acknowledges victims and victim service providers; and

Whereas, the federal Victims of Crime Act, established in 1984, is aimed at helping the victims of crime through means other than punishment of the criminal; and

Whereas, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

Whereas, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime is reported on average of one crime about every minute to local law enforcement; and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, federal, and local law enforcement agencies, victim advocacy organizations, service providers and volunteer groups will continue to offer services to crime victims and witnesses and assist them through the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, with the unwavering support of New Jersey's communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected; and

Whereas, in New Jersey, the criminal justice system and the victim services communities continue to recognize and make substantial advances in finding appropriate victim services and compensation; including victims of disabilities, young victims of various ethnic groups, deaf and hard of hearing victims, LGBTQ victims, tribal victims, elder victims, victims with mental illness, immigrant victims, teen victims, elder victims and generally targeted victims; and

Whereas, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs, rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety - through its Division of Criminal Justice and the Division's Victims of Crime Compensation Office and State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy - is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PHILIP D. MURPHY, Governor of the State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 7 - 13, 2019

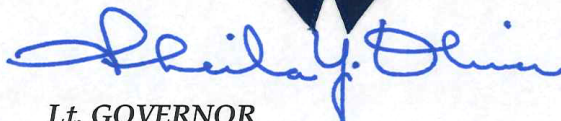
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and reaffirm New Jersey's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-ninth day of March in the year two thousand nineteen, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.


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program



Pre-Event Entertainment

Performed by
Trenton Central High School Visual and Performance Arts Academy (Orchestra)

Welcome / Master of Ceremonies

AAG Veronica Allende - *Director, NJ Division of Criminal Justice*

Pledge of Allegiance

AAG Veronica Allende - *Director, NJ Division of Criminal Justice*

Introduction of the Attorney General

AAG Veronica Allende - *Director, NJ Division of Criminal Justice*

Message from the Attorney General

Gurbir S. Grewal - *Attorney General of the State of New Jersey*

Keynote Speaker

Byron Hurt - *Filmmaker, Writer, and Activist*

Panel Discussion

Men of Strength:

The panel will explore how men's roles have changed, for the better, in the work of victims' services and crime prevention through the redefinition of masculinity. The importance of engaging men in fostering attitudinal changes about violence and in crafting and implementing crime prevention policy solutions.

Moderator

Pamela Jacobs, J.D.

Executive Director - NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence

Panelists

Rob Baran

Assistant Director - NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA)

Wil DuBose

Prevention Coordinator - NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence (NJCEDV)

Jonél Vilches

Victims of Crime Art Educator - Office for Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance at Rutgers University



Musical Selection

"I'll Rise Up" by Andra Day

Performed by:

Trenton Central H.S. Visual and Performance Arts Academy Orchestra

Keynote Speaker

Jeffrey Bucholtz, M.A. - *Director, We End Violence*

Awards Presentation

OAG Excellence Awards for Victims' Justice

Presented by:

AAG Veronica Allende - *Director, NJ Division of Criminal Justice*

Award Recipients:

Crime Victims' Rights Award:

Helen Archontou - *Chief Executive Officer, YMCA Bergen County*

Endurance Award:

Pamela Johnson - *Executive Director, Jersey City Antiviolence Coalition Movement*

Gladiator Award:

Timothy Savage - *Detective, NJ Division of Criminal Justice*

Ronald W. Reagan Award:

Catholic Charities, Children & Family Services - *Diocese of Trenton*

Acknowledgments and Closing Remarks

AAG Louise Lester - *Director, NJ Victims of Crime Compensation Office*

Musical Selection:

"Change Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke

Performed by:

Trenton Central H.S. Visual and Performance Arts Academy Orchestra

Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Training Workshop

1:30 – 3:00:

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Gurbir S. Grewal

*Attorney General
State of New Jersey*



Gurbir S. Grewal was nominated to serve as New Jersey's 61st Attorney General by Governor Philip D. Murphy on December 12, 2017. He was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate and assumed the office on January 16, 2018.

Since assuming office, Attorney General Grewal has focused his attention on protecting the interests of New Jersey residents by expanding affirmative litigation, strengthening police-community relations, reducing violent crime and fighting the opioid epidemic.

Before becoming New Jersey Attorney General, Grewal served as Bergen County Prosecutor, the chief law enforcement officer of the most populous county in New Jersey and home to nearly 1 million residents living in 70 municipalities. As Bergen County Prosecutor, Grewal supervised a staff of 265 personnel and had supervisory authority over approximately 2,700 sworn law enforcement officers across 74 law enforcement agencies. Among other accomplishments during his tenure, he developed and implemented several creative approaches designed to tackle the heroin and opioid crisis, including "Operation Helping Hand," a program that offers low-level drug offenders treatment options upon arrest. He also established a Community Affairs Unit, which is dedicated to assisting local departments improve police/community relations.

From 2010 to 2016, Grewal worked as an Assistant United States Attorney ("AUSA") in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, where he served as Chief of the Economic Crimes Unit from 2014 to 2016 and oversaw the investigation and prosecution of all major white collar and cybercrimes in the District of New Jersey. He was the lead prosecutor in *United States v. Drinkman, et al.*, the largest known data breach prosecution in which the conspirators participated in a worldwide scheme that targeted major corporate networks and stole more than 160 million credit card numbers, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in losses. He was also the lead prosecutor in *United States v. Weinstein, et al.*, a \$200 million Ponzi scheme in which the lead defendant was sentenced to 24 years' imprisonment.

Before becoming a federal prosecutor in New Jersey, Grewal also served as an AUSA in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York from 2004 to 2007, where he was ultimately assigned to the Business and Securities Fraud Unit. As an AUSA in the Eastern District of New York, he investigated and prosecuted a wide range of narcotics offenses, white collar crimes, and terrorism cases. His significant matters included the successful prosecution of 12 men charged with providing material support to the Tamil Tigers terrorist organization.

In addition to his work as a federal prosecutor, Grewal has also worked in private practice, including at Howrey LLP (from 1999 to 2004 in Washington, D.C., and from 2008 to 2010 in New York, NY). While at Howrey LLP, he counseled clients on a range of matters including securities, trademark, antitrust and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues; represented individuals and companies in government investigations and criminal proceedings; conducted internal investigations for public corporations; and conducted civil trials.

Attorney General Grewal graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1995. He obtained his law degree from the College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law in 1999.



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Master of Ceremonies

AAG Veronica Allende

Director, NJ Division of Criminal Justice



Veronica Allende became Director of the Division of Criminal Justice on May 11, 2018. She returned to the Division as Director after a year and a half at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, where she served as an Assistant United States Attorney, investigating and prosecuting individuals for various federal crimes, including bank robbery, child exploitation, firearms offenses, airport crimes, wire and Social Security fraud, and narcotics distribution.

From 2007 to 2016, Allende served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice. She first worked in the Gangs & Organized Crime Bureau, where she supervised the investigation of and successfully prosecuted numerous defendants involved in narcotics distribution, gun trafficking, money laundering, and violent crime. While a member of that bureau, she served for a time as an Acting Essex County Assistant Prosecutor, assigned to a trial team and the Multi-Jurisdictional Carjacking Task Force.

Allende later joined the Division of Criminal Justice Corruption Bureau, where she successfully prosecuted defendants charged with official misconduct, theft by deception, and financial fraud. Most notably, Allende indicted former State Assemblyman Robert Schroeder, who ultimately pleaded guilty to misconduct by a corporate official and was sentenced to eight years in prison. She also handled the 14-week trial of a former Paterson School District official who was convicted of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the district. Among other duties, Allende investigated officer-involved shootings as a member of the Attorney General's Shooting Response Team. In 2015, Allende was promoted to Deputy Bureau Chief of the Financial & Computer Crimes Bureau, overseeing the Computer Crimes Unit, which investigates and prosecutes child pornography, cyber predators, and other computer-related criminal activity.

Allende has taught for the National Association of Attorneys General and throughout New Jersey on a variety of trial-related subjects, as well as courses on cybercrime investigation and prosecution. She was a Legal Research & Writing Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University School of Law for five years, and at the Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law for two years. Before her career in public service, Allende practiced land use and commercial real estate law with the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer. She received her law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. Allende holds a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



Acknowledgements & Closing Remarks

AAG Louise T. Lester

Director, NJ Victims of Crime Compensation Office



Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal appointed Louise T. Lester to serve as Director of the Victims of Crime Compensation Office in February 2019. In this position, Lester supervises a staff of 40 employees who assist crime victims in making claims for compensation benefits.

Lester joined the Division of Criminal Justice in September 2000, serving as an Assistant Attorney General and holding various positions including, Chief of the Corruption Bureau, Acting Senior Counsel with the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor and Investigative Counsel with the Office of the Inspector General.

Lester is a career prosecutor with over 25 years of experience. Prior to joining the Division, Ms. Lester was an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office, Camden, New Jersey. As an AUSA, Ms. Lester prosecuted and tried various criminal matters including, bank robberies, fraud, theft, immigration, and drug trafficking cases. Additionally, Ms. Lester was an Assistant Prosecutor with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office where she prosecuted juvenile, domestic violence and other criminal matters. Further, Ms. Lester has worked with the Office of Governor's Counsel as an Assistant Counsel assigned to review all proposed criminal law legislation and as an Associate with the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, Morristown, New Jersey.

Ms. Lester is a graduate of Rutgers College and Rutgers School of Law, Newark.



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Keynote Speakers

Jeffrey S. Bucholtz, M.A.

Director - We End Violence



Jeffrey S. Bucholtz is the Director of We End Violence and the outgoing President of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council. Jeff is also an award-winning instructor at Southwestern College where he teaches Oral Communication, Interpersonal Communication, TELA Communication (part of an African-American learning community), Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, and Small Group

Facilitation. In addition, Jeff works as a public speaking consultant with: Speak for Success, and he teaches courses on Violence Against Women and Popular Culture and Identity at San Diego State University.

For the past sixteen years, Jeff has worked as an activist, organizer, and public speaker, providing consultation, presentations, and performances in the fields of sexual violence, masculinity, relationship violence, gender normativity, popular culture, violence prevention, stalking, bullying, working in alliances, feminist thought, collaboration and the intersectionality of oppression.

Keynote Speaker

Byron Hurt

Filmmaker - Writer and Activist



Byron Hurt is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, lecturer, published writer, and anti-sexist activist. Hurt is the former host of the Emmy-nominated series, "REEL WORKS with BYRON HURT." His documentary, "Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes" premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and broadcast on the PBS series Independent Lens.

He is also an adjunct professor at Columbia University in the Journalism School in the Documentary Program, a Filmmaker-in-Residence at American University, and a consultant for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Forward Promise initiative, a storytelling project for boys and young men of color.

The former Northeastern University football quarterback was a founding member of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, the leading college-based rape and domestic violence prevention initiative for college and professional athletics. Hurt also served as an Associate Director of the first gender violence prevention program in the United States Marine Corps.

Byron's writings have been published in several anthologies, including Michael Eric Dyson's "Know What I Mean?" Kevin Powell's "The Black Male Handbook," and Shira Tarrant's "Men Speak Out." In the media, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The L.A. Times, O Magazine, Mother Jones, the Chronicle for Higher Education, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, The Philadelphia Tribune, The Final Call, AllHipHop.com, MSNBC, NPR, CNN, FOX News, Access Hollywood, MTV, BET, ABC News World Tonight, Black Enterprise, C-Span, and many other outlets have featured Byron's work.

Byron's film, *Soul Food Junkies* is critically acclaimed and won the CNN Best Documentary award at the American Black Film Festival and Best Documentary at the Urbanworld Film Festival in New York City. The film premiered nationally on PBS' Emmy award-winning series, *Independent Lens* in 2013. It also broadcast nationally on the cable network TVOne in more than 20 millions homes.

Panel Discussion Moderator

Pamela Jacobs, J.D.

Executive Director, NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence



Pamela Jacobs, Executive Director of the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence, is an advocate and attorney who has served in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence for almost 20 years. She has served in various roles in direct service advocacy programs as well as statewide coalitions, and as a consultant for state and federal organizations and military leadership. She has provided extensive

training to multidisciplinary audiences on these topics, and has published several articles, as well as *The Empowered Advocate*, a book focused on helping professionals in this field find inspiration in their work. Pamela has dedicated her career to empowering advocates and survivors and working to prevent these epidemics.

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Panelist

Robert Baran

Assistant Director - NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault



A graduate of Rutgers University, Robert began his career providing direct client services in the behavioral healthcare setting. During his 10 years working with clients in this capacity, Robert witnessed the impact of trauma experienced by survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Since 2010, Robert has worked specifically to address and prevent interpersonal violence by working with survivors, those who have caused harm,

and systems tasked with ensuring safe communities. In his current role at NJCASA, Robert engages with stakeholders across the state to advocate for New Jersey's nearly 2 million survivors and to create a safer Garden State by preventing sexual violence.

Panelist

Wil DuBose

Prevention Coordinator - NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence



Wil DuBose, Prevention Coordinator for the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence, has worked in the domestic violence field for nearly 15 years providing Batterers Intervention services.

Will also served as an appointee to the NJ Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board and was a member of NJCEDV's Batterers

Intervention Program Standards Committee. Prior to moving to NJ, Wil provided outreach services for adjudicated youth in Rhode Island.

Panelist

Jonél Vilches

Victims of Crime Act Educator - Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey



Jonél Vilches is the Victims of Crime Act Educator at the Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance within Rutgers University's New Brunswick Campus; his role emphasizes male engagement to not only prevent sexual and domestic violence, but to also provide men with the opportunity to express themselves without concern for social stigmas, and allow for the humanization of

male identities. Jonél has been personally invested in violence prevention for several years, both in unison as an activist, and as a Prevention Coordinator within county based non-profits in which he conducted several awareness campaigns, in addition to the implementation of primary prevention strategies. Through identifying alongside and having worked with historically oppressed voices of layered identities, he seeks to ensure each and every individual is heard in order to see an end to violence, and strives for an intersectional approach in every aspect of advocacy, violence prevention, and social equity.

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CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS AWARD

The Crime Victims' Rights Award reflects the 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme: "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future." This award will be presented to an individual whose actions capture the spirit of the theme – a pioneer in the victims' rights movement, an activist who sought progress from pain, a visionary looking to further innovate, or any individual or agency striving to enhance the services provided to victims in this state.

Awardee:

Helen Archontou, MSW, LSW

Chief Executive Officer - YWCA Bergen County



As Chief Executive Officer since July 2011, Helen Archontou is focused on guiding YWCA Bergen County into its next century of living its mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and strengthen families and communities. Under Helen's leadership, the organization has expanded and deepened its mission-based programming by providing a continuum of programs and services to support women

in every stage of life and facilitating an ongoing community conversation on racial justice.

In 2018, Helen established the Time Is Now Action Coalition with Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle to focus on shifting the culture of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace. This diverse group of over 50 government, business, labor, education, legal, faith-based, and non-profit leaders is working closely with the community to formulate an action plan to end sexual harassment, discrimination, and sexual violence in our communities, ultimately making #MeToo obsolete.

Helen is a state-appointed member of the NJ State Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault, Co-Chairperson of the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking's Legislative Committee, and a member of AAUW's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Helen is an adjunct professor at Montclair State University since 2005 in the School of Social Work. Her love and passion for her life's work in social justice is only topped by her love for her family – her husband and six year-old twins.

Acceptance

I am deeply grateful to the NJ Office of the Attorney General and the OAG Excellence Awards for Victims' Justice for this honor. While I may be the recipient of the Crime Victims' Rights Award, I share this honor with our YWCA Bergen County healing SPACE staff and volunteers for their tireless daily work supporting survivors and educating our communities to prevent sexual violence.

Thinking about this year's theme, I am reminded of the progress that I have seen over my twenty-five year career serving survivors of sexual violence. I have had the great fortune of wonderful mentors. They helped me develop the skills and knowledge that have brought me to my role of CEO of YWCA Bergen County. As advocates, we must stay connected to the needs of the community and surround ourselves with diverse perspectives. Partnerships and bridge building are key in our success.

Our power comes from people working together to effect change; our collective effort has the greatest impact. I would be remiss in not reinforcing our need for self-care to keep us energized and hopeful as we continue on since there is more to do! Let me end with gratitude for my family for supporting my passion for my work.

ENDURANCE AWARD

This award honors a Victim Witness Coordinator, advocate, and/or staff member who consistently sets the standard for excellence by going above and beyond to assist victims and prosecution teams. This award does not require decades of service but recognizes one's perseverance in providing quality assistance to victims.

Awardee:

Pamela Johnson, MPA

Executive Director - Jersey City Antiviolence Coalition Movement



Pamela Johnson is a community activist and anti-violence advocate in Jersey City, New Jersey. She received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Saint Peter's University where she also received her Bachelor's Degree in Professional Studies graduating Cum Laude.

As a lifelong resident of Jersey City, her parents raised her to know the struggles of others and to be an advocate to those who need it the most. She believes strongly in leading a progressive plan that focuses on moving communities forward. "It's about standing together to do better for the community." This is a motto for every facet of her life. She believes in it and lives by it.

Pamela has spent her career deeply committed to improving the quality of life throughout Jersey City and serving our most vulnerable residents. She is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Jersey City Anti-Violence Coalition Movement, an organization which empowers residents to work together to eradicate violence and improve the standard of living. She has led the organization launching anti-violence programs, campaigns and initiatives to promote community engagement as an important component necessary to inform, empower and educate people to live their best lives. She works diligently with residents, community organizations, advocates, city and county government officials on initiatives that invest in people and through that work she's operated on the front lines providing social services directly in our neighborhoods.

She is a member of diverse organizations and boards including: Sigma Phi Lambda National Honor Society, Jersey City Public Safety Board, Jersey City Youth Council, Haven Adolescent Community Respite Center Board, Progressive Leadership Opportunities for Tomorrow (PLOT) and the Jersey City Chapter of the NAACP.

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Pamela has received numerous certificates, citations, awards and recognition for her advocacy, activism and leadership including the Woman of Action Award from the City of Jersey City, Fannie Lou Hamer Award from the Nation Action Network and the Heroine Award from Abounding Women Community Outreach, Inc.

Acceptance

Thank you for this nomination. I am honored to have been nominated for such an esteemed award by the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office. We are partners in the community and the work we do together to assist victims and their families is extremely important throughout the process of advocacy and justice.

When I think of the word "endurance" I am reminded of those warriors who came before me. Those who mentored and supported me on my journey through life.

I am reminded of my mother and father. I want to thank them for never giving up on me and leading me in a direction so that even in my darkest hour I would see the light of their love and guidance. I want to thank them for showing me what love looks like which has allowed me to love, unconditionally. I would like to thank my two children who have walked this path with me and trusted my guidance. Their faith in me has never wavered and through their faith I was strengthened to continue the work.

Lastly, I would like to thank all my family, friends, colleagues and the village that raised me for their love, prayers and support.

GLADIATOR AWARD

This award recognizes an Assistant Prosecutor or Detective who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and zeal to ensure that the criminal justice system treats victims with compassion and dignity during the prosecution process.

Awardee:

Detective Timothy Savage

NJ Division of Criminal Justice



Tim Savage is a Detective with the Division of Criminal Justice, with 24 years of experience. In that role, he has been instrumental, vital and hands on in several Human Trafficking investigations leading to first degree arrests. In one of those cases, a 16-year old girl was trafficked in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Due to the diligence and hard work of Det. Savage and others assigned to the case, there was a successful

prosecution of the husband & wife who ran the prostitution ring. Detective Savage is very compassionate, patient and knowledgeable of the needs of victims and understands that it takes courage for many victims to come forward.

Det. Savage was formerly assigned to the Gangs/Organized Crimes Bureau and Human Trafficking Unit. During that time, Det. Savage has conducted over one thousand (1000) undercover operations for the various Bureaus within the Division of Criminal Justice and other agencies such as the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms & Explosives (ATF) and numerous County and local departments resulting in arrests and the successful prosecution of cases. These operations included making narcotic purchases from numerous gang members as well as purchasing weapons throughout the state.

Det. Savage is currently assigned to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control within the Department of Law & Public Safety. Det. Savage is responsible for inspecting and investigating licensees and the conduct of activities on the licensed premise (including underage drinking, gambling and illegal drug use or sales. Det. Savage also conducts undercover operations and surveillance in licensed and unlicensed liquor establishments throughout New Jersey. Det. Savage is responsible for assisting in training at NJ's Top Gun School and NJ's UNIT (undercover) School within the Training Bureau.

Det. Savage received a B.S. from Rutgers University. During the course of his career, Det. Savage has received the Division of Criminal Justice Director's Award for Excellence in Investigations, the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement, the New Jersey Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association Award for Central Jersey Narcotics Officer of the Year and the Barry Graves Award for Excellence in Undercover Investigations.

Acceptance

It is truly an honor to receive the 2019 Gladiator Award during the Annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony. I would like to thank my family, friends and colleagues who supported me and encouraged me during my career at the Division of Criminal Justice. I would especially like to thank the late Sergeant Noelle Holl who gave me the opportunity to assist her with an investigation that opened my eyes to the impact that we have on the lives of human trafficking victims and their families throughout the State of New Jersey. I would encourage my colleagues in law enforcement to be mindful of the trauma victims endure and be very supportive during the process. Again, it is an honor to receive the 2019 Gladiator Award.

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RONALD W. REAGAN AWARD

This award honors President Ronald W. Reagan for his compassion, vision and commitment to crime victims' rights. President Reagan placed victims' rights in the forefront of the national agenda during his administration, which resulted in the creation of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Victim of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA), and countless other initiatives. This Award will be presented to an individual or agency that has: 1) shown a consistent commitment to victims' rights and services; 2) employed extraordinary efforts in the delivery of services; and 3) advocated for victims via policies, protocols, legislation and other measures

Awardee:

Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton is a faith-inspired social service agency incorporated in 1913. Our mission directs us to alleviate human suffering and we do that through a wide variety of services including behavioral healthcare; domestic violence prevention, sheltering and counseling; help with basic needs such as food and clothing; housing assistance, victim services, job training and supported employment; and addiction treatment. Our programs are organized by three service areas- Children & Family Services, Community Services, and Behavioral Health Services. Catholic Charities manages 58 programs in 34 sites throughout Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean and Burlington Counties. At its foundation is the value of restoring dignity and independence to individuals and families, especially the poor and vulnerable, through direct service, advocacy, and community building.

Since 1913, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, has been helping local residents in need. We were there during the Great Depression, both World Wars, several recessions, housing busts, and more natural disasters than we can count. These events compelled people to seek help and also inspired many to respond to those in need. For over 100 years, Catholic Charities has been the trusted resource for emergency and crisis needs as well as longer term, more complex needs arising from mental illness, addiction, domestic violence and childhood trauma.

Catholic Charities undergoes a rigorous site visit and review process, by the Council on Accreditation (COA) in order to obtain re-accreditation. Catholic Charities is proud to uphold this status which represents the highest measure of peer acknowledgement of the agency's practices, mission and values. One COA site reviewer made the following observation: "One of the significant strengths of the various programs is the professionalism and dedication of the staff – staff spoke with a passion for their work with the clients and their pride in working for the organization." Another reviewer commented: "The organization has very strong, entrenched programs in the community," and described staff as being "mission driven." While the agency's mission remains unchanged, the vision statement was updated and refreshed in recent years to align with the agency's goals for the second century of service. The vision of Catholic Charities is "Together we provide hope and opportunity for renewing lives, through a compassionate approach to individuals and families affected by trauma and adversity."

Acceptance

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton is honored to accept the Ronald W. Reagan Award, recognizing the long history and extraordinary efforts of our Children and Family Services (CFS). We tirelessly work to inspire hope, build resiliency, and put individuals on a path that empowers them to fully reach their potential.

Every day, our CFS staffers passionately commit themselves to improving the lives of those who have been victimized. Our efforts are solidly based on compassion, professionalism, and the affirmation of the human dignity of each individual we serve. We offer a continuum of services, including advocacy, counseling, and case management, that is rooted in "trauma-informed" principles. We offer specialized programs for victims of domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, and other violent crimes.

We thank the selection committee for choosing us for this award as part of the Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony. The 2019 theme - "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future" - is something we hold dear for each individual who walks through our doors.

– Mary Pettrow, Associate Service Area Director



Trenton Central High School Visual and Performance Arts Academy

Joseph Pucciatti, *Music Teacher*

Joseph Pucciatti is a career music teacher for the Trenton Board of Education. For 32 years, he has worked at all levels in the choral and instrumental departments of various schools in the district. Mr. Pucciatti is currently teaching music at Trenton Central High School. He was a recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award for contribution to excellence and devoted service in the field of teaching.





Award Winners

Crime Victims' Rights Award

- Helen Archontou, CEO – YWCA Bergen County

Gladiator Award

- Timothy Savage – Detective, NJ Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law & Public Safety

Endurance Award

- Pamela Johnson, Executive Director – Jersey City Anti-Violence Coalition Movement

Ronald W. Reagan Award

- Catholic Charities, Children & Family Services
**Accepting the award is Ronald Gering,
Area Director for Children & Family Services*

Organizations & Exhibitors

Organizations:

- New Jersey State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy
- New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office
- New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force
- New Jersey Division on Women
- New Jersey Division on Child Protection and Permanency
- New Jersey State Police Victim Services Unit
- New Jersey Victim Assistance Academy at Rutgers School of Social Work
- New Jersey Children's Alliance
- New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence
- 180 Turning Lives Around, Inc.
- Appriss Safety/VINE
- Essex County Family Justice Center
- Forever Your Overwatch Foundation
- Rutgers School of Social Work (NJ Victims Assistance Academy)
- Saving Grace Ministries
- Wynona's House

Featured Exhibitor:

- Providence House of Burlington - "Silent Witness Project"
- 180 Turning Lives Around, Inc. - "Rock and River" Display

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