

Pay tribute to those who have earned your admiration ...

Nominate the 2010 Advocates of the Year!

Who said the following lines when accepting their awards?*

- A) "I used to dream this moment -- now, I'm in it."
- B) "This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, I know."
- C) "This is the highlight of my day ... I hope it's not all downhill from here!"

**Answers below.*

What would your colleagues say if they won a 2010 COVA award for outstanding service to the community?

Victim advocates are often unsung heroes even though their roles are so vital, their assistance so greatly appreciated. Those who continue to give their time, compassion, and assistance day after day, year after year, deserve our thanks and public appreciation, which is why COVA recognizes five individuals and an organization at the Annual COVA Conference each year.

The 22nd Annual COVA Conference will be held in Keystone November 7-10. We invite you to make this conference particularly meaningful for a victim advocate -- or organization -- who has made a significant impact in the lives of crime victims in Colorado. Please take the time to nominate individuals or agencies who have gone *above and beyond* the normal challenges of providing victim services and who make a *positive impact* on the lives of crime victims and the victim advocacy movement.

There are **SIX** award categories:

1. Outstanding Victim Advocate Award within the Public Sector

An individual who works within a government agency (District Attorney's office, law enforcement agency, etc.) who has made a significant impact on the lives of victims of crime.

2. Deana Griswold Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Nonprofit Sector

An individual who works in a nonprofit or private organization who has made a significant impact on the lives of victims of crime.

3. Carol Hacker Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Volunteer Sector

An individual who works as a volunteer and has made a significant impact on the lives of victims of crime.

4. Exemplary Leadership Award

An individual who has provided outstanding leadership at the *statewide* level to the victims' movement.

5. Outstanding Organization Award

An agency or organization that has provided a superior or innovative service for crime victims this year.

6. Wendy Preston Family Award

A Crime Victim/Survivor who has made a difference in the lives of other crime victims.

A nomination form is printed on the next page. Feel free to copy it if you want to nominate more than one person. Please include three support letters from the community for each nomination.

The Award recipients are chosen by the Awards Committee made up of previous award winners. Award recipients will be announced during the 2010 COVA Conference.

**Answers: A) Lin Manuel Miranda, accepting his Tony; B) Sandra Bullock, accepting her Oscar, C) Kevin Spacey, accepting his Oscar.*

The deadline for 2010 nominations is SEPTEMBER 10, 2010.

Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance Victim Advocate of the Year • Nomination Form

Nominations MUST be received by September 10, 2010

NOMINEE

PHONE

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION

POSITION/TITLE

MAILING ADDRESS (including zip code)

Please select the appropriate category for your nomination:

- Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Public Sector
- Deana Griswold Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Nonprofit Sector
- Carol Hacker Award for Outstanding Victim Advocate within the Volunteer Sector
Hours/month service _____ Number of years _____
- Outstanding Victim Services Program Award
- Exemplary Leadership Award
- Wendy Preston Family Award for Crime Victims/Survivors

(COVA reserves the right to not confer all available awards every year
at the discretion of the Awards Committee.)

Please attach three support letters from the community about the nominee.

Please explain why your nominee should be selected to receive an Award. (attach additional pages if needed)

PERSON MAKING NOMINATION

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Mail or Fax to:

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