

# Alliance for Victim's Rights

"Bringing Respect and Honor to Victims" Award  
Nominee Information - 2012

## AWARD PURPOSE:

The Alliance for Victim's Rights (AVR) is proud to honor outstanding and remarkable individuals and businesses who have contributed to the betterment of victims of crime in Northern Nevada through the "Bringing Respect and Honor to Victims" Awards. We are currently looking for nominations in the following categories:

- *Outstanding Community Member (Helping Hands Award)*
- *Outstanding Advocate (Essence of Advocacy Award)*
- *Outstanding Volunteer Advocate (Kind Heart Award)*
- *Outstanding Business (Imagine. Believe. Achieve. Award)*
- *Outstanding Non-Profit Agency (Imagine. Believe. Achieve. Award)*
- *Outstanding Member of Criminal Justice System (Zeal Award)*
- *Outstanding Unit in Criminal Justice System (Justice Award)*
- *Pioneer in Victim Services*
- *Outstanding Government Agency – Non-Criminal Justice*

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

- The nominee must have shown commendable service(s) that helped a victim of crime anytime in 2011-2012, up to present day.
- Previous winners are not eligible for nomination.

The following items **must be returned for consideration**:

- Completed nomination form (enclosed or attached)
- In 200 words or less, a letter summarizing the nominee's accomplishments and your reason for nominating this individual, program, or organization. Your summary should address the following points:
  - What makes the nominee extraordinary?
  - How do the contributions of this nominee qualify as going "above and beyond"?

Nominations must be submitted to:

AVR Executive Committee

via e-mail at: [allianceforvictimsrights@gmail.com](mailto:allianceforvictimsrights@gmail.com)

OR via fax (775) 355-2221

## DEADLINE/TIMETABLE:

- Nomination applications and all supporting materials must be submitted by **Friday, March 23, 2012 at 5:00 PM.**
- An independent, multi-disciplinary committee will select the winners in early April.
- Awards will be presented at the Victim's of Crimes Rights Week Candlelight Vigil. Details to be announced at a later time.

## **AWARD CATEGORIES / CRITERIA:**

### ***Outstanding Community Member (Helping Hands Award)***

Recognizes an individual or community member outside of the victim assistance field, who has contributed significantly to a victim or a program focused on assisting victims of crime.

Examples can include: someone who has performed a courageous act on behalf of a victim or potential victim; an individual who has donated an exceptional amount of time OR, independent witness that provided emergency assistance. Please note: this can not be a person whose normal job duties include assisting victims of crime.

### ***Outstanding Advocate (Essence of Advocacy Award)***

Recognizes a paid advocate that is trained specifically as a victim services professional and who provides services that directly impact victim services. This individual has gone "above and beyond" the call of duty in providing comprehensive assistance to a victim of crime. Examples of nominee's may include: systems based advocates, and advocates working for a non-profit agency.

### ***Outstanding Volunteer Advocate (Kind Heart Award)***

Recognizes a volunteer that is trained in serving victims of violent crime. All volunteers sacrifice their valuable time to help others, but this individual has exceeded basic volunteer requirements to make services better for victims. Any volunteer (for a non-profit or system based program) where the person is not compensated financially is eligible for this category.

### ***Outstanding Business (Imagine. Believe. Achieve. Award)***

Recognizes a business within our community that has notably helped a victim of crime or a victim's rights program. Recipients in this category put forth the effort not because they are mandated through their agency to work with victims, but rather they recognize that the community and its citizens have a responsibility to help others.

### ***Outstanding Non-Profit Agency (Imagine. Believe. Achieve. Award)***

Recognizes a non-profit agency, school, church, civic group, or community program/group that has notably helped a victim or has made tremendous contributions to the victim services field. Recipients in this category may serve victims of crime, but their successes and achievements exceed basic expectations.

### ***Outstanding Member of Criminal Justice System (Zeal Award)***

Recognizes an outstanding individual whose exemplary performance has had a significant impact on the rights of victims. These individuals ensure justice and the rights of victims are upheld and consistently prioritized during criminal justice proceedings. Examples of nominees for this award may include: law enforcement officers, prosecutors, clerks of the court, judiciary, corrections, alternative sentencing programs and parole and probation.

### ***Outstanding Unit in Criminal Justice System (Justice Award)***

Recognizes an outstanding agency or specialized unit whose actions represent a passion in the pursuit of justice for those they serve. This agency or unit goes above the call of duty to serve victims of crime and ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect. Examples of nominees may include: specialized teams, units, committees, task forces, etc.

### ***Pioneer in Victim Services***

This is a lifetime achievement award that recognizes an individual who has provided consistent and exceptional services to countless victims throughout their professional career (minimum of 10 years). This individual demonstrates a tireless dedication to helping expand the reach of victim's rights and services while making significant contributions that have made a lasting impact in the lives of people impacted by crime.

***Outstanding Government Agency – Non-Criminal Justice***

Recognizes an outstanding governmental agency that is not part of the criminal justice system. This agency goes above the call of duty to ensure that victims of crime and those events associated with victims of crime are supported and encouraged. Examples may include: city or county departments such as parks and recreation, courts, community or economic development, public works, etc.