**2018 Jane Ochrymowycz Award for Advocacy**

**Call for Nominations**

*****Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference*****

**Background:** On December 30, 2011, the Minnesota elder justice community lost a legendary elder justice advocate, Jane Ochrymowycz. Jane’s legislative advocacy and biography reflect major milestones in vulnerable adult act reform. She was an active participant and advocate in local World Elder Abuse Awareness Day events.

The purpose of the Jane Ochrymowycz Award for Advocacy is to recognize Minnesotans for their outstanding advocacy for vulnerable adults. Prior recipients include:

* 2012 - Amy Sweasy, Senior Prosecutor, Hennepin County Attorney’s Office.
* 2013 - Iris Freeman, President, Board of Directors, Minnesota Elder Justice Center
* 2014 – Scott Campbell,Duluth Police Department, Retired; advocate leading to financial exploitation changes with State v. Campbell
* 2015 – Carmen Castaneda, Hennepin County Adult Protection Program Manager
* 2016 – Dave Hall, Carlton County Adult Protection Social Worker
* 2017 – Barb Doherty, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Retired

This year’s award will be presented in commemoration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day at the Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference, hosted by the Minnesota Elder Justice Center and its Center Partners. The conference will be held at the Earle Brown Heritage Center on June 13, 2018. The recipient will receive an engraved plaque as well as an engraving on the award’s perpetual plaque.

**Nominations:** Written nominations require a primary letter with two supporting statements. The letter must be double-spaced and not exceed 750 words. Supporting statements must be double-spaced and not exceed 250 words.

**Criteria:** Criteria include commitment to older or vulnerable adult advocacy, achievements, and overall recommendations by colleagues. The advocacy may be either job-related or voluntary.

**Award Selection Committee:** The Minnesota World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Planning Committee will serve as the Award Selection Committee.

**Instructions to Nominators:** Attach the primary letter and the two supporting statements and send by email to katie.behrens@elderjusticemn.org.

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 20, 2018.**