

2023 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
- 2018 - Tara Patet, Senior Prosecutor, St Paul City Attorney's Office
- 2019 - Anita Raymond, Care Management & Consultation, Center for Excellence in Supported Decision Making, Volunteers of America-Minnesota
- 2021 - Marsha Berry, Trainer and Education Consultant, Rainbow Health
- 2023 – Louise Starr, Supervisor, Dakota County Social Services

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. The conference will be held at the Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center on June 15, 2023. The recipient will receive an engraved plaque as well as an engraving on the award's perpetual plaque.

Nominations: Written nominations should be double-spaced and not exceed 500 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: Email nominations to renee.stromme@elderjusticemn.org.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 21, 2023.