

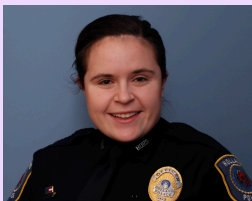
Law Enforcement Award Finalists



Det. Angela Morrison of Grand Valley State University Department of Public Safety for her exemplary level of empathy, kindness, and compassion as she walks alongside survivors during the investigative process.



Det. Jacob Mucha of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office for his outstanding service on the Children's Advocacy Center's Multi-Disciplinary Team and investigation of child sexual abuse cases.



Det. Megan Rohn of the Holland Department of Public Safety for her survivor-centered approach to supporting survivors of high-lethality domestic violence.



Det. Janel Hagerty of the Allegan County Sheriff's Office for her dedication to supporting survivors of domestic violence during the criminal court process.



Dep. Steven Damveld of the Allegan County Sheriff's Office is a champion for survivors who have suffered needless abuse and he handles each case with a high level of care and professionalism.

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Lauren Benes of 58th District Court Probation & Community Corrections serves as a probation officer supervising offenders within the criminal justice system, and she does so professionally and effectively.



Olga Mathis of the Ed and Nancy Hanenburg Children's Advocacy Center has served as a forensic interviewer and has conducted over 1,000 forensic interviews with children in Michigan throughout her career.



Beth Curley of Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence serves as the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program Coordinator and has excelled in training amazing forensic nurses and developing best practices for victim care following a sexual assault.



Brad Hieftje of Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence serves as the Healthy Manhood Coordinator and has developed the Champions of Healthy Manhood youth program and men's allyship program to promote connection, positive role models, and mental health.

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Lori Antkoviak serves as Executive Director at Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center as a pivotal champion for child victims of sexual abuse as well as an active member of the Allegan County Coordinating Council on Domestic Violence and the Allegan County Human Trafficking organization.



Elizabeth Peterson, also known as Betsy, has served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Allegan County Prosecutor's Office and has demonstrated great skill in handling cases involving sexual assault and domestic violence.



Emelda Calanchi-Pope has worked at the Allegan County Prosecutor's Office since 1996 supporting victims of domestic violence and is the primary handler for Joey, the K-9 advocate dog, helping to make testifying less traumatic for victims and their families. Emelda is also nominated for the Mari Martin Award.



Kathy Miller of 57th District Court Probation listens to domestic violence victims with understanding and kindness while prioritizing victim safety and effectively supervising offenders.

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Mari Martin Award Finalists



Troy and Lynn Stone founded Be A Voice, an online educational forum for equipping parents with tools to help keep children safe, and they facilitate Darkness to Light trainings in the community in collaboration with the Ed and Nancy Hanenburg Children’s Advocacy Center.



Elissa Swihart is a transformational coach who helps other survivors cope in the aftermath of abusive relationships through founding a WomenLed Coaching Collective “It’s Your Story to Tell” and the DV Survivor Sisterhood, a social media platform dedicated to educating and building a healthy community for survivors.



Gabrielle Dunai has been instrumental as a member of Resilience’s Survivor Advisory Council, helping to develop the council’s public policy agenda, advocating for domestic violence legislation in Michigan, and sharing her personal experience through multiple webinars and the Grand Rapids Day of Action.



Cara Montgomery is an educator at West Ottawa Harbor Lights Middle School and has been immensely influential in helping Resilience reach and transform hundreds of young men with positive messages of healthy relationships, respect, and mental health through the Champions of Healthy Manhood program.



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Business Champion Award Finalists



Two Men and a Truck is recognized for their partnership with Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence providing support to survivors of domestic violence as they move and seek safety from abuse.



Country House Furniture is recognized as an outstanding community partner to Sylvia's Place and Resilience by supporting survivors as they purchase new furniture and move into their new homes.



Teddy's Transport is recognized for their dedication to raising awareness about human trafficking and protecting teenage youth by training their drivers to recognize the warning signs and supporting youth through the Grant Me Hope program.

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