

The Together We Can Appreciation Awards honor law enforcement, agency professionals, community and business champions in Allegan and Ottawa Counties.



LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

- 2024**
Det. Jacob Mucha, OCSO
Det. Megan Rohn, HPD
Det. Janel Hagerty, ACSO
Dep. Steven Damveld, ACSO
- 2018**
Det. Chris Haverdink, ACSO
Det. Dave Bytwerk, OCSO
- 2016**
Nicholas Haskill, ACSO
Ryan Akers, MSP
- 2014**
Det. Bryan Titof, GHPS
Det. Martin Mendell, ACSO
- 2012**
Det. Michael Tamminga, OCSO
Det. Sgt. John Varley, PDPS
- 2010**
Det. Kerri Cannata, OCSO
Chief Kenneth Giles, SDPD
- 2009**
Dep. Christine VanDam, ACSO
Tpr. Chris Prevette, MSP
- 2008**
Det. Jeff Steigenga, OCSO
Det. Bruce Beckman, OPD
- 2007**
Det. Chad Dame, APD
Det. Al Rios, HPD
- 2006**
Det. Chris Koster, ACSO
Det. Tom Knapp, OCSO
- 2005**
Trp. Raymond Hoffman, MSP
Off. David Rantz, PDPS
Det. Robert Tease, OCSO
Det. Jason Kik, OCSO
Off. Bruce Morningstar, GVSU PS
Sgt. Steve Kent, SDPD
Det. Chris Haverdink, ACSO
continued



MARI MARTIN AWARD

- 2024**
Troy & Lynn Stone, Be A Voice
- 2018**
Sue Fleming, MI Works!/Resilience (CWIT)
Madeline Vervaeke, GVSU
Suzann Nummerdor, Resilience (CWIT)
- 2016**
Marguerite Kingstead, Saugatuck Community Activist
- 2014**
Rick & Martha Omilian, Plainwell
Judge Margaret Zuzich-Bakker, Allegan County 48th Circuit Court
- 2012**
Audrey Hart, Sylvia's Place Board
- 2010**
Becky Vargo, Grand Haven Tribune
- 2009**
Connie Haan, Sylvia's Place
- 2008**
Dr. David Schock, Hope College
- 2007**
Susan Prentice-Sao, Allegan attorney
- 2006**
Patricia Bradfield, Resilience (CWIT) volunteer
- 2005**
Mari Martin, Performance Strategies Group (PSG)



AGENCY PROFESSIONAL AWARD

- 2024**
Olga Mathis, Children's Advocacy Center
Beth Curley, Resilience
Elizabeth Peterson, Allegan County Prosecutor's Office
Kathy Miller, Allegan County Probation
- 2018**
Emelda Calanchi-Pope, Allegan County Prosecutor's Office
Shyra Williams, Children's Advocacy Center
- 2016**
Myrene Koch, Allegan County Prosecutor's Office
Jennifer Kuiper-Weise, Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office
- 2014**
Ortencia Bos, West Shore Counseling Services
- 2012**
Tara Blandford-Mayberry, Resilience (CWIT)
Amy Clapp, Allegan County Prosecutor's Office
- 2010**
Joan Grillo, Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office
Byron Salguero, Allegan OAR (Reach for Recovery)
- 2009**
Lesley Coghill, Resilience (CWIT)
Val Lyle, Sylvia's Place
- 2008**
Sally Ashley, Sylvia's Place Off. Gwen DeGraaf, GVSU PS
- 2007**
Shel Vanderweide, Sylvia's Place
Judy Mulder, Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office
continued



BUSINESS CHAMPION AWARD

- 2024**
Two Men and a Truck
Country House Furniture
Teddy's Transport
- Law Enforcement Award Continued**
- 2004**
Dep. Frank DoBroc, OCSO
Sgt. Scott Maticc, ACSO
Tpr. Andy Foster, MSP
Det. Rudy Mascorro, HPD
- 2003**
Dep. Barbara Boersma, OCSO
Sgt. Jeff Velfhouse, HPD
Tpr. Shawn Bakker, MSP
- 2002**
Sgt. Lisa Bancuk, HPD
Dep. Ryan Huizenga, OCSO
Tpr. Michelle Bittner, MSP
- Agency Professional Award Continued**
- 2006**
Myrene Koch, Allegan County Prosecutor's Office
Hon. Susan Jonas, 58th District Court

2026 Award Nominees:

Contribute to an environment that supports the rights of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Work in partnership with the community on efforts designed to eliminate domestic and sexual violence.

Demonstrate respect for diversity, and show sensitivity to cultural differences, as they relate to ending domestic and sexual violence.

Demonstrate success through the differences they make in the lives of survivors in our communities.

Nominations are due August 3, 2026 5pm



*The Together We Can Awards started in 2002 as the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner.