

National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 22-28, 2012

"*EXTENDING THE VISION: REACHING EVERY VICTIM*" invites a reflection on the vision of a future in which all crime victims are treated with respect and dignity and receive the support needed to recover from crime. The efforts to secure these basic rights, protections and services are exemplified in this year's honorees.

Desireé Allen-Cruz – Family Violence Services Program Manager for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - Pendleton

Desireé Allen-Cruz, as a survivor of intimate partner violence, has long been committed to ending violence against women, first as an advocate in "mainstream" programs and now for her own Tribe for the past 10 years. Her passion for this work and for services to be "Tribally specific" has driven her efforts to create commonality in services by assisting other Tribes and communities of color through direct service, technical assistance and networking. The generosity of the Confederated Tribes in sharing Desireé's time and talents has contributed to her goal of improving domestic violence and sexual assault service delivery to all victims in Oregon, especially in Tribal communities.

Lior Azen – Case Manager, Advocate, and Therapist Northwest Human Services - Salem

Lior Azen works exclusively with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, many of whom have been exposed to trauma through criminal acts. The Deaf Community is especially vulnerable to trauma due to limited supports in the community, poverty, and a lack of understanding of the Deaf Culture. Lior works in a culturally sensitive manner while providing a program and services that are unique in our area. She is undaunted by the lack of services and communication supports for her clients and serves as an outspoken advocate to have her client's rights recognized in schools, legal settings and for those needing community supports. Her skills and connections in this community offer hope and strength to the clients she serves.

Allison Elise Cleveland – Executive Director/Program Coordinator The Gender Center, Inc. - Eugene

Allison Cleveland has an extensive feminist history rich with active participation in the social justice/service community. Her work with survivors of violence ripples far and wide, empowering many to take back the control over their lives and to pay it forward to others in need. She has given tirelessly of her time to make first-rate information available to systems partners across the state to help them better serve LGBTQI victims, and all crime victims. As an advocate for marginalized communities, she is always open to collaborating with diverse voices in working to end domestic and sexual violence. Allison is a highly skilled and effective advocate combining compassion, humor, patience, and persistence whether supporting individual victims or effecting change in the systems that serve them.

Janine Robben, J.D. – First Director Oregon Crime Victims Law Center (OCVLC) - Portland

Janine Robben brought with her a passion for advocating for crime victims as the new Director of the OCVLC when it opened in 2009. Her responsibilities included not only representing crime victims in criminal cases, but also the associated administrative duties for the first non-profit victims' rights law clinic in Oregon as well as training *pro bono* attorneys, educating the legal and social services communities about crime victims' rights and convincing other participants in the system that these rights are important – and - the law. Janine set the standard for future crime victims' attorneys and in the process, helped to make the criminal justice system a little more bearable for crime victims.



Welcome.....**The Honorable Walter M. Beglau**
District Attorney
Marion County

Governor's Proclamation.....**Shannon Sivell**
Incoming Director
Oregon Department of Justice
Crime Victims' Services Division

Keynote Speaker.....**The Honorable John R. Kroger**
Attorney General
State of Oregon

Guest Speaker – "Guilty Except for Insanity"- A Victim's Perspective

Oregon Crime Victims' Rights Advocacy Awards

"Extending the VISION: Reaching Every VICTIM"

Presenters..... **John R. Kroger**
and
Fred Boss
Chief Counsel
Oregon Department of Justice
Civil Enforcement Division

In Memory of Gloria Wiggins

Presenter.....**Karen Janes**
Program Manager
Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence
Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano

Closing



Special thanks to all who made this
Commemoration possible:



Honorable John R. Kroger

Marion County District Attorney's Office

Willamette University

Denise Ker and Amanda Lasher with Viva! Consult

National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI)

The National Crime victim Law Institute actively promotes balance and fairness in the justice system through crime victim centered legal advocacy, education, and resource sharing.

Willamette University Men Against Violence (WUMAV)

Contacts - Jonathan Gates and Rory O'Brien

Willamette University Men Against Violence (WUMAV) works both on the Willamette campus and in the Salem community to dismantle belief systems, social structures, and institutional practices that both oppress women and children and dehumanize men themselves. We look to the global movement to oppose violence against women to keep the reality of the problem and the vision of the solution before us. We believe that all forms of oppression are interconnected, and that social justice work addressing all forms of oppression is critical to ending violence. To this end, we are committed to supporting and collaborating with social justice-oriented organizations and events both on- and off-campus.

With gratitude to all who work toward

Extending the VISION: Reaching every VICTIM

**EVERY VICTIM. EVERY CRIME.
EVERY RIGHT. EVERY TIME.**



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**Commemoration
Ceremony & Reception**

Wednesday • April 25th, 2012 • 12:00-1:00

Willamette University

Montag Center

900 State Street • Salem OR

Extending the VISION: Reaching every VICTIM

**Empowering Victims,
Honoring Rights,
Rebuilding Lives**

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Remembering Gloria Wiggins

Gloria Wiggins was a leader within the Latino community and an advocate for low-income families and children at risk. She began working for Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano in 2000 as a Case Worker and became Division Manager of El Programa Hispano in 2002. Ms. Wiggins worked tirelessly to expand and enhance the organization's outreach and service offerings to the diverse Latino community in Multnomah County, lobbying especially for policy changes to promote minority academic performance and assist victims of domestic violence.

In addition to her community work on behalf of the Latino community, Ms. Wiggins worked in partnership with varied diverse communities to reduce disparities based on race and ethnicity. She was a founding member of the Coalition of Communities of Color, and volunteered with numerous community groups, such as the Rockwood Urban Renewal Committee, the Gresham Safety Blue Ribbon Task Force, and Multnomah County's Fatality Review Committee. In recognition of her outstanding work, the Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee honored Ms. Wiggins with the Gladys McCoy Award for lifetime volunteer achievement in 2010 and the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce with its Latino Community Service Award in 2011.

The Oregon Department of Justice was honored to have Ms. Wiggins serve on a number of advisory groups including the Violence Against Women (VAWA) Advisory Board and the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) subcommittee, the Joint Advisory subcommittee focusing on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Crime Victims' Rights Program Advisory Committee and its Victim Awareness subcommittee, and the Attorney General's Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement. Ms. Wiggins was also one of the original conveners of the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence Communities of Color Task Force.

In her many advisory roles, Ms. Wiggins was a true collaborator. She was tireless, firm, and passionate that services to the community must match the needs of the community. Her connection to the community brought a genuine voice to her advocacy and her contributions are deeply appreciated.

Ms. Wiggins passed away on December 1, 2011. She leaves behind an exemplary legacy of dedicated service to the Latino community in Oregon and advocacy on behalf of all victims of crime.

