

## **2004 Family Violence Prevention Awards Presented During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

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### **For Immediate Release:**

Two individuals and one organization will be recognized Monday, October 18, at 6 p.m. by the Utah Domestic Violence Council (UDVC) for their efforts in responding to domestic violence in their communities. The annual Family Violence Prevention Awards will be held at the Salt Lake City Library, located at 210 East 400 South. Each year an organization and an individual are recognized for their outstanding contribution in the efforts against domestic violence. This year an individual is also being awarded the Executive Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Organization:** Harman International Industries, Inc. took a pro-active stance towards domestic violence in 2001 by partnering with South Valley Sanctuary to create a program to foster domestic violence awareness in their company. Harman International Industries, Inc. drafted and implemented detailed policies regarding abuse, which included training all of their staff on domestic violence issues and the new policy. They provided safety cards for their employees and other referral resources available in the community. Their employees are also encouraged to volunteer in local domestic violence programs.

**Individual:** Lucy Hernandez has worked tirelessly as a victim advocate at Community Abuse Prevention Services Agency (CAPSA) in Logan to provide services for victims of domestic violence, particularly among the underserved immigrant population. She built a network of resources within the community and throughout the state to help these victims leave abusive situations. It is evident by the ever increasing number of Spanish-speaking clients at CAPSA that Lucy is a valuable resource to victims and ready to do her best to help people in need.

**Executive Lifetime Achievement Award:** Una Stevenson began her work as a victim advocate working as the vice moderator for women's issues with a nationwide leadership group, Presbyterian Women. In that capacity she supported the work of the General Assembly of the Societal Violence Initiative Team and the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence. Before becoming a victim advocate Una also advocated to end child sex trafficking with Ron O'Grady, the co-founder of "End Child Prostitution in Asia." Those who have come to know Una, understand that she is a tireless advocate for children and women, donating her time, energy and expertise to these issues. Una is currently the co-chair of the UDVC Interfaith Leaders Committee.

UDVC is pleased to recognize these award recipients and the excellent work they are doing every day in their communities to eradicate domestic violence.

A tradition for over a decade, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is observed as a time to mourn and remember those who have died and to recognize those who have survived. The UDVC Family Violence Prevention Awards Event is one of many excellent opportunities in October to raise public awareness of the problem of domestic violence and to encourage and inspire people to work on the elimination of domestic violence in communities throughout Utah.

For more information on the Family Violence Prevention Awards, on Domestic Violence Awareness Month events, or to view the newly released UDVC Press Kit developed by the Public Awareness Committee, visit the UDVC website at [www.udvc.org](http://www.udvc.org) or call (801) 521-5544.