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### **National Organization Recognizes Outstanding Contributions During Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) and Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (Ohio Alliance) are pleased to announce the Ohio recipient of the 2010 Visionary Voice Award. This award, offered in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month each April, recognizes the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding advocacy and community work to end or prevent sexual violence.

The Ohio recipient, nominated by the Ohio Alliance, is Rep. Dan Stewart. Rep. Stewart was nominated for this award for his important work on HB 333, known as the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies Bill. He will be presented with the award at 6:15 p.m. on April 21st at 65 South Fourth Street in Columbus, OH.

The recipients, nominated by their state, territory or tribal sexual assault coalition, represent a wide variety of individuals doing this critical work at the local level. The 2010 award winners are:

- Rep. Dawn Creekmore, Arkansas
- Dr. Ellen P. Bez, Guam
- Abigail Kelly-Smith, Indiana
- Jennifer Wylie, New Hampshire
- Rep. Dan Stewart, Ohio
- Margaret Guz, Pennsylvania
- Tracy Blackburn, Tennessee
- Rep. Ellen Cohen, Texas
- Sharon Pressman, West Virginia
- Kittie Smith, Wisconsin

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Jennifer Yoder at (614) 233-3301 or [jyoder@oaesv.org](mailto:jyoder@oaesv.org). The Ohio Alliance is a coalition of sexual assault and domestic violence organizations, law enforcement and governmental agencies, and individuals throughout Ohio working to eliminate all forms of sexual violence. Ohio Alliance provides support, advocacy, policy information and funding to organizations working to advocate for the rights and needs of survivors and co-survivors of sexual violence.

For more information about the winners, please visit [www.nsvrc.org/saam/award](http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/award). The NSVRC provides resources and information on sexual violence to rape crisis centers, state, territory and tribal coalitions, allied organizations, agencies, educators, media and the general public. Phone toll free: 1-877-739-3895 or visit [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

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