

THRIVE

The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence is pleased to present the 9th Annual Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 11, 2019 in celebration of sexual and domestic violence survivors, advocates, and organizations and the amazing work they do. ACESDV will present six awards to recognize the many ways people have worked in support of our mission to end sexual and domestic violence in Arizona by dismantling oppression and promoting equity among all people.

Our annual fundraising gala, titled "Thrive," aims to highlight those who have flourished in spite of harsh climates, much like the native plants of the Sonoran desert.

Our goal is to recognize the shining stars in our community and we need your help! Whether you work in the sexual and domestic violence field, are a community supporter or know someone who is, please take the time to recognize the individuals in your life that you feel meet these criteria. We encourage individuals and organizations to take this opportunity to honor those in the community doing exceptional work.

Honorees will receive:

- Personal recognition in front 400+ of their peers at the Thrive Gala & Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 11 at the Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch
- Attendance for the honoree and nominator at the Thrive Gala for no charge
- Written recognition at future events
- A unique plaque specially designed for the honoree
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We are now accepting nominations for the 2019 Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner! [Please submit your nominations via our website here](#). Nominations are due Tuesday, February 5, 2019. For any questions, please contact christa@acesdv.org.

ACESDV will present awards in the following categories:

[THREE HEART AWARD: SURVIVOR](#)

[SAGUARO AWARD: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT](#)

[DESERT SUNFLOWER AWARD: CHAMPION](#)

[GUARA AWARD: ADVOCACY & OUTREACH](#)

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[OCOTILLO AWARD: LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY](#)



THREE HEART AWARD: SURVIVOR

The three heart flower epitomizes the concept of thriving in spite of harsh conditions. This rare purple blossom grows in the harshest desert environments. After the long stems develop and reach toward the sunlight, the buds open and the purple and white petals curl to form hearts around the center. Like the flower that triumphs despite its harsh environment, survivors of sexual and domestic violence overcome extreme adversity. This award recognizes a survivor of sexual and domestic violence who has turned adversity into triumph by creating positive change within their community to end sexual and/or domestic violence in Arizona.

The recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

- survivor of sexual and/or domestic violence;
- has had a positive impact by speaking out against sexual and/or domestic violence;
- has created positive change in their community;
- has found creative solutions to address sexual and/or domestic violence in Arizona.

SAGUARO AWARD: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

The bold saguaro cactus is a breathtaking marker on the Arizona horizon. Its 150 year lifespan sets it apart from other plants, and its fruit can contain 2,000 seeds. Like this majestic plant, the Saguaro Award recognizes a person's lifetime dedication to ending sexual and/or domestic violence. A history of advocacy, organizing, and tireless service has allowed this person to plant the seeds of significant change in the lives of survivors, as well as change the landscape of sexual and/or domestic violence related systems in Arizona.

The recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

- experienced in survivor-centered advocacy for victims and their children;
- length and level of involvement in sexual and/or domestic violence advocacy;
- vision of resolving both the micro and macro level issues faced by victims in Arizona;
- leadership demonstrating a vision of ending gender-based violence;
- commitment to social justice.

DESERT SUNFLOWER AWARD: CHAMPION

The bright desert sunflower unexpectedly blooms across Arizona after rain. The seeds are an important source of nutrients for birds, and the flowers are a vital part of the desert ecosystem. Like the surprising sight of these yellow flowers in a desert environment, the Desert Sunflower Award recognizes an individual's or a group's nontraditional involvement in the movement to end sexual and/or domestic violence.



Examples might be someone in business, law enforcement, or another community group who has taken action to end sexual and/or domestic violence. By demonstrating exemplary efforts in collaboration, community involvement or philanthropy, this individual or group has helped to champion positive local and/or statewide change.

The recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

- demonstrates active involvement in community work related to ending sexual and/or domestic violence;
- assists the sexual and/or domestic violence movement through exemplary community involvement or philanthropic efforts;
- assists in championing local and/or statewide efforts addressing sexual and/or domestic violence and effecting positive change.

GUARA AWARD: ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

The perennial guara flower is a hardy plant that blooms in harsh conditions. The flowers resemble small butterflies, a lasting symbol of growth and change. This award recognizes an individual's outstanding efforts in providing direct services to victims of sexual and/or domestic violence in Arizona. By demonstrating a deep understanding of the dynamics of sexual and/or domestic violence, respecting autonomy, and promoting empowerment, this person has helped victims and their families rebuild their lives.

The recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

- integrates survivor autonomy and self-determination into their advocacy;
- conducts education and prevention of sexual and domestic violence in communities
- responds to sexual and/or domestic violence in Arizona in a survivor-centered manner;
- demonstrates commitment to working ethically, peacefully, and respectfully with others.

CLIFF ROSE AWARD: CULTURALLY SPECIFIC ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

The small flowers of the cliff rose may be difficult to spot since it grows primarily on limestone outcroppings. The deep root system provides nourishment to clusters of long stems and the flowers that open along them. This award recognizes an individual's efforts in advocacy and outreach to a culturally specific community regarding sexual and/or domestic violence in Arizona. By demonstrating efforts acknowledging a deep understanding of the inter-sectionality of multiple oppressions, recognizing unique barriers faced by victims, and promoting empowerment and education, this individual has expanded access to resources in culturally specific and marginalized communities.

The recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

- dedicated to increasing safety and respect for all people by addressing gender-based violence within a specific community or cultural group;
- conducts education and prevention of sexual and domestic violence in culturally specific communities;
- demonstrates commitment to social justice;
- expands access and resources to systems and survivors of sexual and/or domestic violence.

OCOTILLO AWARD: LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

For much of the year, the ocotillo appears dormant and dry. However, with rainfall the plant quickly becomes lush with small leaves and bright crimson flowers. This award recognizes an individual's or group's effort to work through barriers and find solutions. An individual or group who has identified an issue facing victims of sexual and/or domestic violence and has championed legislative or budgetary change to benefit victims of sexual and/or domestic violence deserves the Ocotillo Award.

The recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

- demonstrated commitment to ending sexual and/or domestic violence;
- has had a positive impact on victims of sexual and/or domestic violence by championing legislative or budgetary change.

