

Abraxas

Nominee: Lucy Weaver

Organization: Women In Need

Employed: 7 years

Current Position: Volunteer

It is with great pleasure to nominate Lucy Weaver for consideration for the JDCAP's 2018 Distinguished Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing and raising awareness about issues of domestic and sexual violence.

The numbers are staggering. One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend. The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services. Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

But what also is staggering is how the efforts of one person, one particular person, can truly make a difference in addressing this problem. Lucy Weaver has volunteered for WIN since 2011, where she just surpassed her 1000th hour of volunteer service. At the Abraxas Youth Center, Lucy has provided support in multiple ways, from meeting with Shelter and Detention clients weekly to providing prevention education in healthy relationships, conflict resolution, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, distributing literature, and even recruiting other volunteers to assist. In addition, Lucy represented the Abraxas Youth Center during the facility's PREA compliance audit in 2016, where she was interviewed by the PREA auditor and played a vital role in the facility becoming PREA compliant.

In addition to this work, Lucy has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her volunteerism at the Abraxas Youth Center. Lucy is conscientious about ensuring the needs of our clients are met. She serves our clients and staff with the upmost respect and she is very knowledgeable about the struggles many of our clients and their families encounter and she works to alleviate those she can act upon. Lucy's can do attitude coupled by her friendly personality makes her an invaluable asset to Women In Need, The Abraxas Youth Center and to the youth and families we serve.

Because of these efforts, Lucy has earned the respect and gratitude of those for whom and with whom she serves, her community family, residents and her peers here at the Abraxas Youth Center. As one of those peers whom Lucy has inspired and motivated to service, I strongly urge you to award her the 2018 JDCAP's Distinguished Volunteer of the Year Award.

Sincerely,

Name of person submitting: Corey E. Evans

Position: Assistant Facility Director