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NSVRC Honors 12 Individuals with Award for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

ENOLA, PA. -- The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) is pleased to announce the 2009 recipients of the *Visionary Voice Award*. This award recognizes the creativity, hard work, and dedication of individuals around the country working to address and prevent sexual violence. Winners are selected by their respective state, tribal, or territory anti-sexual violence coalitions and represent a wide range of individuals doing this critical work at the local level.

Karen Baker, NSVRC Director, notes that April, nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, is an appropriate time to acknowledge the commitment and success of these outstanding individuals. The 2009 award winners are:

- Jeffrey Barrows, MD, Ohio
- Sara Benitez, Puerto Rico
- Jackie Biskupski,, Utah
- Tillie Black Bear, South Dakota
- Jennifer Carlson, Arkansas
- Mary Grissim, Tennessee
- Stephen Haas, PhD, West Virginia
- Clema S. Lewis, Virgin Islands
- Katherine Little, MD, New Hampshire
- Cristina Perez, Pennsylvania
- Steven Rowe, Maine
- Kristy M. Stewart, Oklahoma

For more information about the winners, please visit 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: 877-739-3895 or visit www.nsvrc.org.

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