



Purple Ribbon Awards

GIVE HOPE TO HOPEGIVERS



PURPLE RIBBON AWARDS (PRAs)

Honoring the countless hopegivers in the domestic violence field including advocates, survivors, members of the community support system, organizations, support staff, first responders and countless others.

Categories for organizations and teams award one medallion to each size of organization (small, medium or large).

Five select PRA winners will be recognized for their outstanding work with grants totaling **\$30,000**. The grant winners will be announced at the 2026 Purple Ribbon Awards Virtual Celebration in May.



**MEDALLION
AWARD WINNERS**



GRANT WINNERS

TIMELINE

- JANUARY 5 2026**
NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED
- FEBRUARY 27 2026**
NOMINATIONS CLOSED
- MARCH 2 - APRIL 3 2026**
JUDGING PERIOD
- APRIL 13 2026**
**MEDALLION AWARD
WINNERS ANNOUNCED**
- MAY 21 2026**
**GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED
AT VIRTUAL CELEBRATION**

DETAILS

Eligible Candidates

ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION in the domestic violence field may enter or be nominated. Local, national and international nominees are encouraged to apply!

How to Apply

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE TODAY!](#)

domesticshelters.org/awards/enter

Submission Requirements

- Nomination application
- Supporting materials like impact reports, videos, articles and bios
- \$50 nomination fee

CATEGORIES

The PRAs feature 4 nomination categories and 42 subcategories:

Partnerships and Organizations (i.e. Outstanding Local Organization; Outstanding Pet Program, etc.)

Individuals and Team (i.e. Survivor of the Year; Interdisciplinary Team of the Year; Advocate of the Year, etc.)

Products and Services (i.e. Program Launch of the Year; Most Innovative Service; Youth Initiative of the Year, etc.)

Awareness (i.e. Outstanding Community Presentation/ Education; Outstanding Fundraising Event/Campaign, etc.)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL CATEGORIES](#)

SCORING

Each entry will be scored by a panel of expert judges using these guidelines:

- 1) **Outcomes** Favorable outcomes of the nominee, such as community impacts or data showing success..
- 2) **Innovation** Creativity and originality of the nominee's work.
- 3) **Supporting Materials** Quality and clarity of submitted materials.
- 4) **Overall** Your overall impression of the nomination.

The scores for an entry will be averaged, and the highest scores in a given category will be a medallion award winner. All other entries will be recognized as honorees and will receive a certificate of recognition.



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RECOGNITION NOT COMPETITION

BALANCING THE PLAYING FIELD FOR DIFFERENT-SIZED ORGANIZATIONS

All nominations (except those of individuals and for-profit organizations) will be judged in comparison to entries of similar organizational size.



2025 PURPLE RIBBON AWARD GRANT WINNERS

SHARON ROBERSON / YWCA NASHVILLE & MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Executive of the Year
Nashville, TN
\$10,000

JUDGE ELIZABETH REGINA FINN / A NEW LEAF
Judge of the Year
Mesa, AZ
\$5,000

WINGS HOUSING TEAM
Interdisciplinary Team of the Year
Palatine, IL
\$5,000

LADORA LATTIMORE / FRIENDS OF YATES, INC.
Lifetime Achievement Award
Kansas City, KS
\$5,000

COMMUNITY ACTION STOPS ABUSE (CASA) MARION
Organizational Hope Story of the Year
Ocala, FL
\$5,000

ABOUT US

In 2021, Theresa's Fund, DomesticShelters.org and experts in the field combined forces to develop and launch the first comprehensive awards program honoring the countless heroes of the domestic violence movement, including programs, survivors, and the professionals who support them.

In May 2023, DomesticShelters.org merged with Alliance for HOPE International. Together, they seek to recognize hopegivers who make a difference in the field of domestic violence.

DomesticShelters.org

The first and largest online and mobile searchable directory of domestic violence programs and shelters in the United States and Canada and a leading source of helpful tools and information for people experiencing and working to end domestic violence.

DomesticShelters.org is a free service that exists to make more people aware of the services available for those experiencing domestic violence and make it faster and easier for victims of domestic violence and their friends/family, as well as program and shelter providers, to quickly find services and information best suited to their location, language and needs.

Alliance for HOPE International

The mission of Alliance for HOPE International is to create pathways to hope for women, children, and men who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking through collaborative, integrated multi-disciplinary centers, teams, and initiatives in order to break the generational cycle of violence and abuse in families across the United States and around the world.

