



**MAYOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
AWARDS NOMINATION**

April 4th – April 12th, 2025

The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) will sponsor the annual observation of National Victims' Rights Week in Jacksonville, FL. Individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievements above and beyond their daily responsibilities on behalf of crime victims and victims' rights will be recognized. VAAC will present victims' rights awards in the following categories:

1. **COURAGEOUS VICTIM** – A victim of crime who has shown the courage to speak out and make a difference regarding fair treatment of victims in the criminal justice system and in our community.
2. **OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE** – An individual who provides direct services to crime survivors and has demonstrated excellence, compassion, and dedication in working for the welfare of victims, improvement of victims' services, and protection of victims' rights.
3. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE**– A prosecutor, judge, or other criminal justice professional who has demonstrated outstanding sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.
4. **LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVOCATE** – A police officer, correctional officer, or other sworn law enforcement or juvenile justice professional who has demonstrated outstanding sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.
5. **MEDIA** – An individual, corporation or organization that has demonstrated respect for the dignity of victims of crime and sensitivity to victim issues.
6. **COMMUNITY ADVOCATE**- An individual or group whose activism has significantly impacted the Jacksonville community through victims' rights awareness or enhanced services.

The VAAC Awards Committee will select one recipient for each award category. **Award recipients will be honored during the Annual Victims' Rights Week Awards Luncheon.** Nominators may be contacted for additional information and/or to present the awards.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Nominations are accepted for paid staff, volunteers, and organizations/groups who have made a significant impact in victim assistance in Jacksonville. Complete packets are required for each nomination. Complete the application form. **A letter of recommendation is required from an additional reference.**

NOMINATION DEADLINE: March 07, 2025, 5:00 PM

- **For additional information or questions contact Susan Davis at (904) 255-3321 vaac@coj.net.**



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AWARD CATEGORY *(check only one)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courageous Victim | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Victim Advocate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Advocate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Advocate |

Nominee: _____

Agency: _____ Position: _____

Responsibilities: _____ Years of Service _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominator: _____

Agency: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

In the box below please document the following: (1) uniqueness of contribution (2) impact of service on/in the community and (3) length of service.



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Submit completed nominations by March 07, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

Mail to:

City of Jacksonville
Attn: VRW Awards Nominations
Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council
1809 Art Museum Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Email to:

Attn: VRW Awards Nominations
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