



Breaking the cycle of domestic violence

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RESOLVE Announces 4th Annual Resolutionary Awards Breakfast
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Pittsford, NY: In celebration of the everyday heroes who play a vital role in eradicating domestic violence in the Greater Rochester community, RESOLVE of Greater Rochester is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Resolutionary Awards Breakfast. Taking place on April 6 beginning at 7 a.m. at Eagle Vale Golf Club, the breakfast will honor three recipients who have made a positive difference in the lives of women and children affected by intimate partner violence. Art Mason, LMSW, Elder Abuse Prevention Program Director at Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc., and Lorien Castelle, Director of Prevention Programs for the New York and Pennsylvania Coalitions Against Domestic Violence will receive this year's Susan Horwitz Memorial Resolutionary Award for Professionals; and Afshan Qureshi, Volunter Advocate with SAATHI of Rochester, will receive The Bruce Frazee Memorial Award for Grassroots Organizers.

"It is an honor and privilege to recognize these incredible champions in our community who have contributed so significantly to domestic violence prevention here in our community and beyond. RESOLVE offers these awards to collaborators in our community to recognize that it takes a coordinated community response to have an impact on an issue as challenging as domestic violence," said Allison O'Malley, Chief Executive Officer of RESOLVE.

The Resolutionary Awards Breakfast event theme is opening eyes, changing lives and over 320 guests are expected. It is the organization's most important fundraiser and aims to generate over \$65,000 to support RESOLVE's programs and services. The event will highlight the award recipient's contributions to the domestic violence field, RESOLVE's initiatives and impact in our community; told in part by survivors who have been helped by RESOLVE. This year's keynote speaker, Jackson Katz, PhD, is an American educator, author, filmmaker, and cultural theorist, internationally renowned for his pioneering scholarship and activism on issues of gender and violence. In 1993 he co-founded Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), one of the longest-running and most widely influential sexual assault and relationship abuse prevention programs in high schools, colleges, sports culture and the military in North America and beyond. He also created the award-winning documentaries *Tough Guise* and *Tough Guise 2*, and is the author of *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help*, and *Man Enough? Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton and the Politics of Presidential Masculinity*. He lectures extensively in the U.S. and around the world on violence, media, and masculinities.

Individual tickets (\$45-60) and tables (\$450-600) may be purchased online at www.resolve-roc.org.

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RESOLVE empowers people and communities to break the cycle of domestic violence. We develop and deliver innovative, community-centered solutions enabling every woman to thrive and realize her full potential. Founded on an inherent and compassionate belief in people, RESOLVE brings women and men together to create communities that value equality, dignity and respect. For more information, go to www.resolve-roc.org.