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DES Colleague Receives Saguaro Award

Honoring a lifetime dedicated to ending sexual and domestic violence

PHOENIX -- The Department of Economic Security (DES) is pleased to announce Laura L. Guild received the Saguaro Award for her work dedicated to ending sexual and domestic violence. Hosted by the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, the sixth annual Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner is the only event of its kind in Arizona to honor and celebrate sexual and domestic violence survivors, advocates, and allies.

"This is a special honor for Laura and the agency. She is one of many humble, dedicated colleagues who has a passion for serving the citizens of Arizona," said Director Tim Jeffries. "Her tireless service embodies the Mission and Values of **Our NEW DES**, and I know she will continue to be a strong advocate for those in need."

The Saguaro Award is representative of an individual who has planted seeds of change through their work to end domestic violence and in the lives of survivors. Like the saguaro cactus, the recipient of this award has left his/her mark on the changing landscape of sexual and/or domestic violence-related systems in Arizona.

Laura has been in her current role as Domestic Violence Program Manager with the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), Community Services Administration, since December 2006. She has more than 24 years of State service.

[The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#) has worked to eradicate violence in our communities for more than 35 years.

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