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Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence Presents First-Ever Empowerment Awards
Indiana Senator, Broadcast Journalist and Educator Receive Honors at Indiana Statehouse

(INDIANAPOLIS): The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) presented the first-ever Empowerment Awards today at the Indiana Statehouse. Honors were given to three recipients—**Senator Connie Sipes**, for her work during the 2007 legislative year on Senate Bill 0271, which prohibits a person from making decisions about the bodily remains of a victim if they are arrested in connection with the death of that victim; **Angela Cain**, Public Affairs Director for WTHR (Indianapolis NBC affiliate), for raising awareness of domestic violence through WTHR's *Shattering the Silence* broadcast campaign; and **Wendy Noe**, of Susan G. Komen for the Cure for working to co-create a nationally-used curriculum to educate Indianapolis Public Schools' 5th and 7th grade students about domestic abuse and sexual assault.

"We commend these women for persevering to end domestic violence statewide," said Laura Berry Berman, ICADV Executive Director. "Whether they're creating laws that protect victims, interviewing survivors for a televised broadcast or helping students identify abusive relationships, their efforts empower victims of domestic violence. These endeavors translate into saved lives, rebuilt families, and prevented crimes."

Held in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which falls each October, the awards model ICADV's key missions—legislative/legal services, public awareness and education—and honor those who have helped to empower victims of domestic violence in one of these areas.

The ICADV is committed to the elimination of domestic abuse through providing public awareness and education, advocating for systemic and societal change, influencing public policy and allocation of resources, educating and strengthening Coalition members and promoting the availability of quality comprehensive services.

ICADV Fast Facts:

- A woman is abused every nine seconds.
- One in three women will be abused by her intimate partner during her lifetime.
- Last year, 14 children died in domestic violence incidents in Indiana alone.

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