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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HONORS NEW YORK'S WEINBERG CENTER FOR SERVICES TO ELDER ABUSE VICTIMS

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice today recognized The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention team with the National Crime Victim Service Award for their efforts assisting victims of elder abuse. The award goes to individuals or programs for their exceptional service to crime victims. The center was honored during the annual National Crime Victims' Service Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The team is led by Joy Solomon, whose experience as a New York City Assistant District Attorney with the Special Victims Prosecution Bureau inspired her to build the center. The Weinberg Center provides victims of elder abuse with medical treatment and mental health care, and employs outreach tactics such as education, training, advocacy and public policy initiatives to revolutionize public understanding of elder abuse.

“The Weinberg Center is a source not only of exceptional care and treatment, but of comfort and support, for many elder abuse victims in New York City,” said Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Alan R. Hanson. “The Department of Justice is proud to honor the center for its outstanding service and for its unflinching pursuit of justice on behalf of the injured and aggrieved.”

During the ceremony, the Justice Department also recognized 11 other individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Awardees were selected from public nominations in nine categories, including federal service, special courage, public policy and victim services.

The Department's Office for Victims of Crime leads communities across the country in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first Victims' Rights Week in 1981, calling for greater sensitivity to the rights and needs of victims. This year's observance takes place April 2-8, with the theme *Strength. Resilience. Justice.*

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson, provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of

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