

New Mexico

VOICES
for Children

**SPIRIT OF
HOPE
CELEBRATION**

*Honoring those who
serve beyond themselves*

“Each time a man stands for an ideal,
or acts to improve the lot of others,
or strikes out against injustice,
he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope.”

~ Robert F. Kennedy

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JOIN US AS WE PRESENT THE

First Annual Alice King Public Service Award, Patty Jennings Citizen Advocacy Award, and 16th Annual Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award

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PACHAMAMA Latin American Folk Art

invite you to attend an inspiring evening of celebration and awards
to honor those who have dedicated themselves
to promoting child, family and community well-being.

with

Emcee **Deanna Saucedo**

Friday, October 23, 2009, 6pm-9:30pm, at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

HONOREES AND NOMINATION CRITERIA

Know someone who is dedicated to making the world a better place, has demonstrated a commitment, and has made a positive contribution to improving the lives of New Mexico children and families through public service, community service, civic engagement or advocacy?

Know a young person who is dedicated to making the world a better place through volunteer work and community service?

We'll be honoring two child advocates by presenting the First Annual Alice King Public Service Award and the Patty Jennings Citizen Advocate Award to honor a leader and a community member who demonstrate a genuine commitment to improving the well-being of New Mexico's children and families.

We'll also honor the winners, finalists, and all nominees for the Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award.

~ ALICE KING PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD ~

The First Annual Alice King Public Service Award will honor a public leader who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to and service for New Mexico's children and families. The late Alice King, wife of former Governor Bruce King, dedicated her life to advocating for children and is credited with the creation of the state's Children, Youth and Families Department. She also founded the NM Girls Ranch and the NM Children's Foundation, was chair of the NM Children's Trust Fund, and was a major supporter of the Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital.

~ PATTY JENNINGS CITIZEN ADVOCATE AWARD ~

The Patty Jennings Citizen Advocate Award will be presented to a New Mexican who has demonstrated outstanding community service in advocating for New Mexico children. The wife of state Senator Timothy Jennings, the late Patty Jennings had a distinguished career as an advocate for early intervention, special education, and other services for children with special needs. She was instrumental in the creation of the NM Medical Insurance Pool, which provides health coverage for New Mexicans who could not otherwise obtain or afford health insurance.

~ AMY BIEHL YOUTH SPIRIT AWARD ~

The Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award honors youth aged 13 to 26 for their outstanding contributions in the public interest. Amy Biehl, a graduate of Santa Fe High School and a Fulbright Scholar, died in 1993 while working to end apartheid in South Africa. The award honors Amy's memory and introduces young New Mexicans to her story, challenging them to even greater service.

Nomination forms and criteria at www.nmvoices.org

Nominations for all three awards are due by 3pm on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009

Awards will be presented at the

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For further information about the New Mexico Voices for Children SPIRIT OF HOPE CELEBRATION or sponsorship opportunities, please call Ric Armstrong, Director of Development, at 505-244-9505 ext. 33 or email rrarmstrong@nmvoices.org