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Jean Doss Receives Apple Blossom Award

(Okemos, Michigan) – The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) presented its 2005 Apple Blossom Award to Jean Doss on June 15, 2005 during a special ceremony at Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Michigan. **The Apple Blossom Award honors domestic violence and sexual assault activists who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to end violence against women in Michigan.**

Jean Doss, Senior Associate Lobbyist with Capitol Services, Inc., has over eighteen years of governmental relations experience through her work with professional associations, nonprofit human service organizations, state consumer advocacy and occupational health programs.

Since joining the co-founders of Capitol Services - Ellen Hoekstra and Darrell Tennis - as an Associate Lobbyist in 1991, Jean has been actively involved in direct lobbying on behalf of various nonprofit organizations and professional associations. These include the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; the Food Bank Council of Michigan; the Michigan Counseling Association; the Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science; Elder Law of Michigan, and Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM).

Jean graduated from the University of Michigan in 1983 with a BA in Psychology. Born and raised in Michigan, Ms. Doss also lived in Nevada where she served as a VISTA volunteer and later as Community Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Committee to Aid Abused Women (one of the first domestic violence programs in that state). She also worked for the Office of Consumer Advocate of Customers of Public Utilities - State Attorney General of Nevada, and coordinated an occupational lung disease research project for the Department of Medicine, Michigan State University.

Jean is a member of the Advisory Committee on the Nokomis Foundation and the Institute for Women's Policy Research and their project "*The Status of Women In Michigan.*" She has also served as an Advisory Committee member for the Michigan Women's Foundation, and on Representative Doug Hart's Blue Ribbon Panel on Gender Equity in High School Athletics.

Jean Doss received the 2005 Apple Blossom Award because she is the embodiment of a strong leader and a caring individual who works everyday to end domestic and sexual violence. Jean appropriately reflects MCADSV's commitment to grassroots leadership and throughout her career has made significant contributions to the goal of ending violence against women.

MCADSV is a statewide private non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment of all the state's survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Its mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan. MCADSV is a statewide membership organization whose members represent a network of 70 domestic violence and sexual assault programs and over 100 allied organizations and individuals.

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