

2016 National Association of Social Workers, Arizona Chapter Statewide Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award Barbara L. Holzman, LCSW, LMFT, ACSW: Barbara received her AM degree in 1965 from the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration. Most of her career has been as a clinical social worker in private practice in Phoenix, Arizona. She has worked with individuals, couples and families both outpatient and inpatient. Before moving to Arizona Barbara lived in South Carolina where she was active in that state's plans to pass a more comprehensive regulation of our profession. Once she moved to Arizona, she soon became very involved with our chapter's efforts to get social work legislation passed here. When the decision was made to become part of a coalition of allied professions that would be working on an omnibus bill to regulate a number of professions, Barbara represented both NASW and the Arizona Clinical Society for Social Work and Psychotherapy on the Behavioral Health Credentialing Task Force. She served as the task force chairperson from 1985-1989. It was during this time the credentialing bill passed in 1988. Barbara's dedication to the profession continued with her appointment to the Social Work Credentialing Committee and she was its chair for six years. She was the social work representative on a myriad of board committees that were set up to implement the statute. As Arizona's social work representative to the Association of Social Work Boards, she was appointed to several of their committees, including the Examination Committee, both as a member and a co-chair from 2001-2002. Barbara continues her private practice. In addition to her clinical work, she serves on the manuscript review board of the Journal of Social Work values and Ethics and is an item writer for the national clinical social work exam. She has dedicated her life to helping others and advancing our profession for future generations of social workers.

Social Worker of the Year Allie Bones, MSW: Allie started her social work career in 2000 when she completed her MSW internship with the then Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence in their Systems Advocacy Department before working for the Coalition as a Systems Advocate. She has held a variety of government and non-profit positions including Executive Director of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, Policy Analyst on Violence Against Women in Governor Napolitano's Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division for Women, and Program Manager/State Homeless Coordinator at the Arizona Department of Economic Security. In 2008 Allie became the CEO of the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and has overseen the organization through their transition to the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. Additionally, Allie currently serves as Board Chair of the Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition and is on the Board of her children's school.

Public Elected Official of the Year Supervisor Steve Gallardo: Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Gallardo was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. He has devoted his adult life to public service at the local, county and state level. The Supervisor first spent 14 years working as a campaign finance administrator in Maricopa County Elections Department developing candidate training programs, spearheading voter registration drives and organized "Get out the Vote" campaigns. In 2002, Supervisor Gallardo was elected to the State House of Representatives in a new legislative district covering the Southwest Valley. He spent 10 years at the Arizona State Legislature both in the House and the Senate, and served as the House Minority Whip and in 2013 was selected to be Senate Democratic Whip. Gallardo has also served on the Cartwright Elementary and the Phoenix Union High School Board. Gallardo's priorities as a Maricopa County Board of Supervisors: Affordable Housing, Youth Leadership Development and Economic Development in the Western portion of the County. He has been involved in numerous boards and commissions, including the Arizona Civil Right Advisory Board and Maryvale Village Planning Committee. Steve is very involved with the local and national Hispanic community and served as a member of such organization as NALEO, LCLAA, and an MALDEF alumnus.

Citizen of the Year Shane Fisher: Shane is the owner of Flagstaff Care Homes, family owned and operated assisted living facilities in Flagstaff, AZ. There are three care homes in Flagstaff, which he has owned and operated for the last 13 years. He has contracted with Arizona Longterm Care to be able to provide high quality and very personalized assisted living care to low-income members of our community. Shane goes above and beyond to make his residents comfortable, getting to know their specific preferences and wishes and making them feel like they are part of his family. Shane specifically has a reputation of accepting residents into his homes that can be very hard to please and difficult to find and remain in placement. He has not failed to win over even those community members who struggle to fit in with other care homes or facilities. He is friendly and engaging and always on-call. He meets with the residents on a regular basis, providing outings and social engagements in the community. He interfaces compassionately with the family and when there is no family, he makes the residents feel like they are home and are part of a community family. His care homes provide high quality care, meeting the basic needs of residents, but also providing for those in need of memory care and working closely with home health agencies when residents are in need of higher level nursing care. He is a stellar example of the Core Values found in the NASW Code of Ethics, service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity and competence.