



Advocates for Victims  
of Violence, Inc.

## *Fifth Annual Women of Distinction Awards*

*Woman of Distinction awards recognize women who have made a significant contribution to their communities and to the advancement of women in our society. Advocates for Victims of Violence is pleased to bring this program to the Valdez community. Celebration and Dinner to be held on April 14, 2012.*

### *What defines Women of Distinction*

A Young Woman of Distinction is an exceptional young woman aged 17-27 (Birthdate 3/5/1985 or later) who is an inspiration to others by:

- Demonstrating leadership, maturity, and compassion.
- Demonstrating initiative, perseverance, innovation, and achievement.
- Her commitment to a cause or pursuit of a personal dream.
- Being a role model for other young people.

A Woman of Distinction inspires others. She has achieved outstanding success by:

- Being a leader. She demonstrates integrity and leadership characteristics.
- Being a role model for others.
- Breaking new ground or old barriers.
- Demonstrating strong civic, professional, and/or philanthropic commitment and achievement.
- Guiding, supporting, and encouraging the development of others.
- Showing vision, creativity, and initiative.
- Making a sustained commitment and significant difference.
- Being respected by her community for her contributions.

## *Women of Distinction Nomination and Selection Process*

### *Eligibility*

To be eligible for nomination, a woman must be a resident of the Valdez area. Self nominations will not be accepted. Current members of the AVV Board or AVV staff are not eligible. Previous years finalists are not eligible for re-nomination for a period of three years.

### *Selection Process*

The Selection Committee is composed of:

- At least two community members
- Two members of the AVV Board of Directors
- One AVV staff member

#### **The Nominations will be evaluated as follows:**

- In relation to the published selection criteria.
- Only on the merit of the submission materials received.
- During the review process, the committee may contact nominees, nominators or supporters to confirm /clarify information.
- The deliberations of the Selection Committee and AVV Board of Directors are confidential. All decisions of the AVV Board are final.
- Nominations received after the published deadline will not be considered.

### *Woman of Distinction Awards*

- Woman of Distinction honors will be announced at the Woman of Distinction Awards Celebration to be held on April 14, 2011.
- Woman of Distinction Awards will include presentation of plaque and a monetary award of \$500.
- All finalists will be recognized at the celebration and in media announcements.

**Please visit [www.avvalaska.org](http://www.avvalaska.org) for downloadable nomination forms and details on the complete nomination and selection process.**

**Call 835-2980 for more information.**

2012 Woman of Distinction/Young Woman of Distinction  
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Young Woman of Distinction Nominees only): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Nomination (to be included with nomination form)**

The Statement of Nomination should explain how the nominee meets the criteria set forth under "What defines Women of Distinction..." on page 2 of this brochure.

The information supporting the nomination may be presented in an essay or narrative format, or may be a listing of qualities and accomplishments attributed to the nominee.

The Statement of Nomination should not exceed 5 typed pages. Other supporting materials may be submitted at the nominator's discretion.

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**I attest the information contained on this form and in the Statement of Nomination are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person making nomination

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Nomination Procedures*

Nomination and other supporting materials must be received by **5:00PM Monday, March 5, 2012**. To be considered a nomination must include a completed and signed nomination form and a Statement of Nomination. Other supporting materials may be submitted at the discretion of the person submitting the nomination.

Nominations are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked "Woman of Distinction Nomination."

Nominations may be mailed to PO Box 524 or hand delivered to the AVV office located at 551 Woodside (Corner of Copper & Woodside) in Valdez.

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