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## Sister Mary Vera Award

Vera House, Inc., a local not-for-profit agency dedicated to helping those affected by domestic and sexual violence, is seeking nominations for the Sister Mary Vera Award. The award recognizes a member of the community who personifies the work of Sister Mary Vera Blank. Sister Mary Vera spearheaded the 1977 opening of Vera House, then a small shelter for battered women. Today, the agency bearing her name reaches thousands who benefit from its shelter, education, counseling and advocacy programs.

Vera House invites nominations for an award recipient who has worked to enrich the lives of all people, and who has made a significant contribution to those affected by domestic or sexual violence. The individual recognized will have performed this work in a manner consistent with the humility, gentleness and humanitarian spirit reflected by Sister Mary Vera.

Recent past recipients of the Award include Rami Badawy, Syracuse University Office of Judicial Affairs; Catherine Brochu, Onondaga County Dept. of Social Services; John A. Cirando, Esq., Agency Counsel; Dr. John Epling, Family Medicine Physician and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University; Valerie Brogan, a detective in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department; and Sr. Maureen D'Onofrio, CJS, the Syracuse Diocese Director of Ruth Ministry.

The 2008 award recipient will be recognized at the Vera House Annual Recognition & Celebration Luncheon on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel in East Syracuse (formerly the Wyndham).

Nominations must be received by March 28, 2008.

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For more information, call Vera House at (315) 425-0818  
weekdays from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

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