

LAKE COUNTY SART 2025 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Lake County Sexual Assault Response Team prides itself on providing victim centered and trauma informed care to all victims/survivors of sexual assault within our community and beyond. We appreciate all our SART partners and multidisciplinary team members and are proud to recognize those partners who have demonstrated exemplary service in the following categories:

- **Guardian of Justice** (*Law Enforcement*) Recognizes a law enforcement professional who demonstrates exceptional dedication to justice through trauma-informed response, meticulous investigations/prosecutions, and unwavering advocacy for survivors.
- **Alliance Builder** (*Collaboration*) Honors the individual or agency that has gone above and beyond to unite disciplines, strengthen partnerships, and create seamless pathways of support for survivors
- **Light Bearer Award** (*Advocacy & Support*) Celebrates someone whose compassion, persistence, and courage have provided hope, empowerment, and life-changing support to survivors in their journey toward healing

Please complete the following nomination form by **OCTOBER 15, 2025** and email or hand deliver your nomination to any of the four (4) SART Co-Chairs: Michelle Resendez (Michelle.Resendez@franciscanalliance.org), Kelly Vates (kelly@fairhavenrcc.org), Chris Matonovich (cmatonovich@hammondpolice.com), or Infinity Westberg (iwestberg@lakepros.org).

All SART chairs are excluded from nominations

Award Category (please circle): Guardian of Justice Alliance Builder Light Bearer Award

Nominating Person: _____

Agency/Title: _____

Contact phone/email: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Agency/Title: _____

Supervisor: _____

Please provide a short bio of your nominee and an attached statement exhibiting how the nominee has demonstrated outstanding service in Lake County to sexual assault victims/survivors.

Judging will be determined by examples of the nominees:

- (1) impact in the community; including their actions, achievements, and measurable results
- (2) examples of the nominee going beyond expectations
- (3) positive influence on others
- (4) demonstrated skills and qualities

Recipients shall be announced at the November 20, 2025 SART wrap up meeting.