



# Champions

## FOR FAMILY JUSTICE

Celebrating community champions for families in crisis  
To benefit the Union County Family Justice Center

Awards Breakfast

Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 8 am to 10 am

Embassy Suites | Berkeley Heights, NJ

Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient  
Anne Evans Estabrook

Event Overview and  
Sponsorship Opportunities

# Letter

from the Interim Executive Director YWCA Union County  
& Director of Union County Family Justice Center



Lisa Poris

Kathryn Lynch

## About The Union County Family Justice Center

The Union County Family Justice Center (FJC) is a joint collaborative of the County of Union, the Union County Prosecutor's Office, and the YWCA Union County. The FJC opened its doors to the community in September 2017 and is located in the rear of the Family Courthouse at 10 Cherry Street, Elizabeth, NJ. Walk-ins are welcome. Through this collaborative, the goal is to provide victims of domestic violence and their children with greater support and access to resources. The partnering professionals at the FJC work together to assist and support victims of domestic violence with services in order to increase safety, increase reporting and arrests and ultimately, reduce domestic violence incidents and homicides within Union County. In one location, a victim of domestic violence can receive services including legal advice and representation, counseling and case management, direct advocacy, relocation/shelter services, assistance from law enforcement and the prosecutor's office, and assistance from social service agencies.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the first ever Union County Champions for Family Justice Awards Breakfast. We are so excited to be launching this prestigious celebration recognizing the achievements of those who have made significant contributions in the field of family justice.

The YWCA Union County has been dedicated to serving victims of domestic violence for over 45 years, and has been thrilled to be a partner agency overseeing day-to-day operations of the Union County Family Justice Center (FJC) for the past six years. In this time, we have seen countless volunteers, professionals, and interested community members devote their personal and professional time and resources to assisting the most vulnerable of families here in Union County. Most, if not all, of the efforts going without recognition of the passion, time, energy and resources involved in supporting families in crisis.

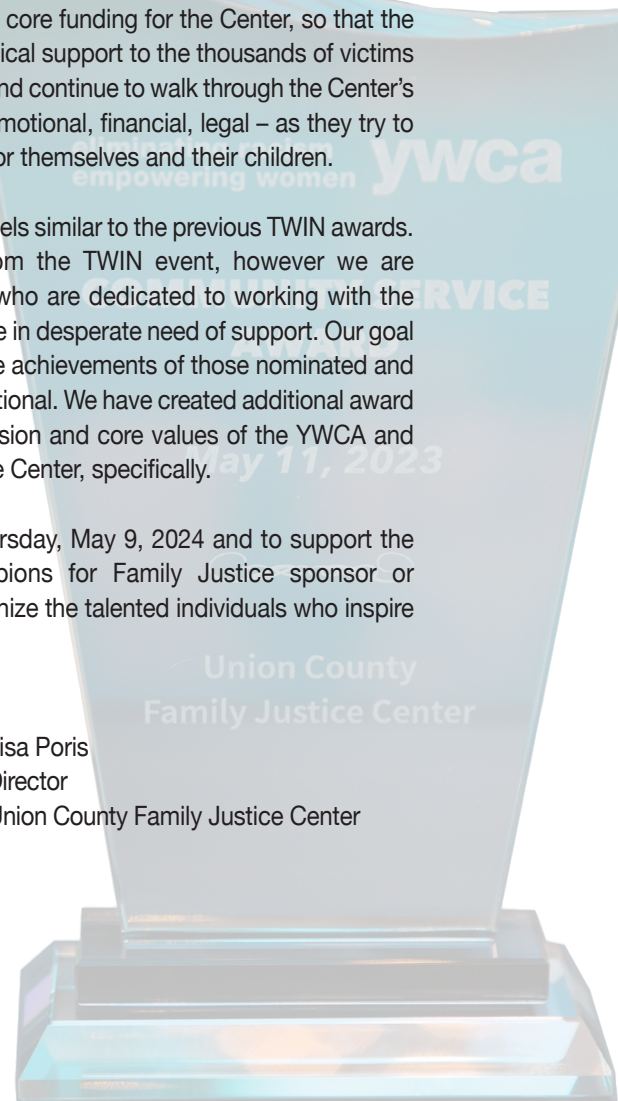
The Champions for Family Justice Awards recognizes these individuals and agencies, but also provides core funding for the Center, so that the FJC can continue to provide critical support to the thousands of victims of domestic violence that have and continue to walk through the Center's doors and seek out support – emotional, financial, legal – as they try to secure safe and stable futures for themselves and their children.

You may notice that this event feels similar to the previous TWIN awards. Indeed, this event evolved from the TWIN event, however we are tightening our focus on those who are dedicated to working with the families of Union County who are in desperate need of support. Our goal is to focus more attention on the achievements of those nominated and honor those who are truly exceptional. We have created additional award categories that support the mission and core values of the YWCA and the Union County Family Justice Center, specifically.

We invite you to join us on Thursday, May 9, 2024 and to support the event by becoming a Champions for Family Justice sponsor or underwriter, helping us to recognize the talented individuals who inspire and lead us.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Lynch  
Interim Executive Director  
YWCA Union County

Lisa Poris  
Director  
Union County Family Justice Center



# Criteria

## Nominees must meet each of the following three criteria:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their area of family justice;
- Provide valuable service to improve the quality of life for others in their community;
- Either live in Union County, work in Union County, or their work benefits residents of Union County

## Qualifications:

- Nominees may represent government, profit or not-for-profit sectors.
- Past TWIN nominees may be nominated for Champions for Family Justice.
- There is no minimum or maximum age qualification for Champions for Family Justice nominees
- Champions for Family Justice Young Professional Award nominees must be ages 21-30.
- Nominees must be available to personally attend the breakfast where all nominees will be recognized.

## The PROCESS

The Awards Committee will review each nomination form to ensure it meets the qualifications and eligibility based on the criteria outlined and to select the finalists, using a rubric scoring system.

Submitting a nomination form does not guarantee a nominee will receive the award. The committee will be made up of a diverse group of community leaders, who will then review the nominations and select the award honorees. Depending on nominees, not all awards may be given out each year. All nominees will be recognized.



# Award

## CATEGORIES

### Union County Champions for Family Justice Award Categories:

- 1. Leaders in Justice Awards:** This award recognizes people who have been leaders in the field of justice – whether it be creating a new program; leading a team, courtroom, or agency; proposing critical legislation – this award recognizes the achievements of leaders in the field of justice.
- 2. Young Professional Award:** This award recognizes outstanding professionals, between the ages of 21-30, who have already made a difference in aiding struggling families in the community.
- 3. Community Service Award:** Not all individuals are able to dedicate their careers to family justice, but many find ways to support families in need in their communities in other ways which may include, but is not limited to, volunteering, organizing food drives and fundraising events, and offering promotional support.



All nominations are due by  
March 15 2024

For more information,  
please visit

[https://www.ywca  
unioncounty.org/  
champions-for-family-justice/](https://www.ywcaunioncounty.org/champions-for-family-justice/)

or contact Union County  
Family Justice Center  
Director Lisa Poris at  
[lporis@ywcaunioncounty.org](mailto:lporis@ywcaunioncounty.org)

- 4. Accessing Justice Award:** Families in the justice system are often overwhelmed, with no idea where to begin the process or what their next steps may be. Nominees for the Accessing Justice Award are those who help families get through the hurdles they face – whether it is an officer who ensures victims' safety, an advocate who provides emotional support and information, or a service provider who connects the family to critical resources – all play key roles in providing families with the tools they need to access the justice they deserve.
- 5. Defender of Justice Award:** Without attorneys to provide zealous representation, many families would be lost and unable to accomplish their goals in court. Nominees for the Defender of Justice Award tirelessly may help their clients fight for, among other things, custody, financial support, criminal justice, immigration status, and restraining orders.
- 6. Ally Award:** Like a true ally, this award recognizes and appreciates those who support the agencies and individuals doing the work around family justice. An ally might be someone who is financially supporting a program, providing adjacent services to families outside of the justice system, or helping to promote awareness around domestic violence or another related issue.

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# Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

## **\$10,000 – Family Justice Champion**

- 10 tickets to the event
- Preferred seating location
- Logo placement on screen and website
- Two social media highlights in weeks leading up to the event
- Recognition in all printed material and press releases

## **\$7,500 – Family Justice Leader**

- 10 tickets to the event
- Logo placement on screen and website
- Two social media highlights in weeks leading up to the event
- Recognition in all printed material and press releases

## **\$5,000 – Family Justice Advocate**

- 5 tickets to the event
- Logo placement on screen and website
- One social media highlight in weeks leading up to the event
- Recognition in all printed material and press releases

## **\$3,500 – Family Justice Partner**

- 5 tickets to the event
- Logo placement on screen and website
- Recognition in all printed material and press releases

## **\$2,500 – Family Justice Collaborator**

- 3 tickets to the event
- Recognition in all printed material

## **\$1,500 – Family Justice Friend**

- 2 tickets to the event
- Recognition in all printed material

## **Family Justice Supporter: Contributions of Any Amount**

*all donors will be listed in program*

**Individual Tickets: \$125**

**Table of 10: \$1000**

## **YWCA Union County Mission**

*The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.*

*In this context, YWCA Union County is on a mission: to empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse, and to promote social justice and eliminate violence against women and girls.*

*We accomplish this mission through the provision of comprehensive, client-centered services, and through education, collaboration and advocacy that builds safe, informed and supportive communities.*

**eliminating racism  
empowering women**

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**Champions for Family Justice Sponsorship Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Your company name/individual name as you would like it to appear on our printed materials:

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**Sponsorship Reservations**

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|---|----------|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Sponsor | \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Sponsor      | \$3,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader Sponsor   | \$7,500  | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborator Sponsor | \$2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate Sponsor | \$5,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend Sponsor       | \$1,500 |

Enclosed is my check made payable to the YWCA Union County in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on your card: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make checks payable to YWCA Union County and mail to the address below:*

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Please email your logo as a high resolution JPEG or TIF file to [lporis@ywcaunioncounty.org](mailto:lporis@ywcaunioncounty.org) by April 26, 2024.

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