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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



STACIE HIRAMOTO, MSW

Stacie Hiramoto, MSW, has been a proud social worker and NASW member for many years. She is one of the founders and currently the Director of the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO). After direct practice in the field of developmental disabilities, Stacie found her passion in policy and advocacy. She worked in the legislature and afterwards, as a legislative advocate. At the time, she was one of only a few Asian women who were registered lobbyists in California. She worked with housing and mental health advocates to pass legislation that brought California into compliance with the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, protecting people with disabilities from housing discrimination.

Stacie is very proud to have served as Director of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations for the California Chapter of NASW. She is grateful to NASW for providing so many opportunities for career growth and leadership experience, including serving as Vice President on the National Board, as well as President to the Board of the California Chapter. She received her MSW from the University of California, Berkeley's Graduate School of Social Welfare. Stacie is indebted to her husband, Ken Koyama, as well as her entire family, for always supporting her career in social work.

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SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD



DEBRA WATERS-ROMAN, ED.D, MSW, LCSW, LCP

Dr. Debra Waters-Roman is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Clinical Psychologist in the state of California. Dr. Waters-Roman currently serves as a Clinical Associate Professor at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. As a Clinical Associate Professor, Dr. Waters-Roman manages the Public Child Welfare Stipend Program, which prepares MSW candidates for a career in the field of public child welfare. Prior to joining USC, Dr. Waters-Roman worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for over thirty years.

While employed at DCFS, Dr. Waters-Roman served as a public child welfare worker, supervisor and trainer. Dr. Waters-Roman has presented at several state and national conferences on topics including child abuse and maltreatment, trauma related work, risk assessment and public child welfare practice and policy. In addition to her work at USC, Dr. Waters-Roman conducts psychological evaluations on behalf of individuals seeking asylum and provides services to individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. Dr. Waters-Roman also delivers mental health services to trauma survivors of all ages through a community-based mental health clinic.

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COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD



JEFFREY STABILE

Jeff Stabile has been a leader in the community on LGBTQIA+ issues, mental health, veterans' services. A U.S. Air Force and Vietnam Veteran, Jeff started the Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) PFLAG (Parents, Families, Friends & Allies of Lesbians & Gays) and was instrumental in the formation of the Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative (SCVSC), which is a leader in the area of serving Veterans providing services and linkages for veterans needing housing, mental health counseling, food, and benefits.

Jeff is a member of the Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative (SCVSC) Board of Directors, presents talks to various groups about SCVSC services; conducts fundraisers since the organization is supported completely through donations; regularly searches out, trains, and coordinates volunteers; picks up food for the pantry twice a week; staffs resource tables at various events; publishes the newsletter; disseminates all news releases and PR articles; plans events with other community partners; and appears on local radio and TV to promote the veterans organization. He has additional volunteer experience with the Special Olympics, Red Cross, Graffiti Removal programs, and the Suicide Prevention, PostVention, and Wellness Committee in LA County.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD



CHINESE FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. They advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.

CAA's vision fifty years ago that endures today is of a world that works for everyone – a world in which all people live free from bigotry, discrimination, hate, prejudice, and bias. Core civil rights principles such as inclusion, equity, justice, and compassion guide the type of change they seek to achieve and the values they seek to embody.

Though much progress over the past five decades has been made, it is clear that since 2016 we are in a moment of great danger and great opportunity. With the rights and well-being of historically disenfranchised, marginalized, and vulnerable communities under ferocious attack, CAA is stepping up in all areas of its work to meet growing demands for assistance and leadership.