

## **Man of the Year**



### **Kent Burbank**

**Director, Victim Witness Program, Pima County Attorney's Office**

Presented by last year's Man of the Year

### **Richard Elias**

Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors.

**The Man of the Year Award** is given to a local man who sets a strong, respectful example for other men in the community and who speaks out early and often against all forms of violence against women and girls to demonstrate that such violence will not be tolerated in this community.

Kent has worked in the field of human services and social change for the past couple decades. He is passionate about ensuring that the rights of others, particularly those who are marginalized, are protected. He is a skilled social services administrator who helps create and run high quality programs that meet the most pressing needs of people who are most vulnerable.

Kent is currently the Director of the Victim Witness Program at the Pima County Attorney's Office with a staff that responds to the needs of crime victims, witnesses and their families 24/7. Soon, the Victim Witness Program will be expanding to better serve additional communities and rural areas of Pima County.

Previously, Kent served as Executive Director of Wingspan, Southern Arizona's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community center. Under his leadership, Wingspan grew exponentially and some of the programs Kent developed are now viewed as national models. One important accomplishment was the Anti-Violence Project which serves victims/survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, hate crimes, harassment and discrimination.

Kent is a member of the board of directors for the Association of Fundraising and has recently joined the board of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona. In addition, he is a member of the University of Arizona President's LGBT Advisory Council and has served on the YWCA of Tucson's Women on the Move nominating committee.

Kent is fluent in Spanish, working previously at Sin Fronteras in Mexico City and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand. He has a Master's Degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, as well as a Master's Degree in Divinity from Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago.