

**Men's Anti-Violence Partnership Sets an Enchanted Evening with Cirque Productions;
Elias and Bonvicini are Man and Woman of the Year**

TUCSON, AZ – The Men's Anti-Violence Partnership of Southern Arizona, a program of the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, will present its first annual awards gala on November 5, 2006, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at the Westin La Paloma Resort. The evening will feature live performances by Cirque Productions and the awards will honor individuals and organizations who have done outstanding work to prevent violence against women and girls. The event chair is Center board member Carrie Click and the presenting sponsor is the Click Family.

The Partnership has more than 60 Founding Members – all prominent business, community and government leaders, including University of Arizona Head Coaches Lute Olson and Mike Stoops, Pima County Board of Supervisors Chair Richard Elias, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, Tucson Police Chief Richard Miranda, Pima Community College Chancellor Roy Flores and Tucson businessman Jim Click.

THE 2006 AWARDS:

- **Outstanding Educator** - Mary Koss, PhD, UA Regents Professor, presented by Pima Community College Chancellor Roy Flores
- **Outstanding Health Professional** - Michelle Dorsey, PhD, Coordinator, Clinical Services, UA Oasis Program for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence, presented by Tucson Medical Center President and CEO Frank Alvarez
- **Outstanding Law Enforcement** - Assistant Chief Kathleen Robinson, Tucson Police Department, presented by Tucson Police Chief Richard Miranda
- **Outstanding Organization** - Men's Anti-Violence Network (Phoenix), presented by Center Against Sexual Assault Board Member and local real estate consultant Paul Lindsey
- **Outstanding Youth Empowerment** - Jason Thorpe, Director of Community Education and Outreach, Open Inn, Inc., presented by Tucson Urban League President Ray Clarke
- **Outstanding Athletic Leadership** - Channing Frye, New York Knicks, presented by UA Men's Basketball Head Coach Lute Olson
- **Outstanding Business Leadership** - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, presented by UniSource Energy Corp./Tucson Electric Power Chairman, President and CEO Jim Pignatelli
- **Outstanding Media Professional** - Michael Bolchalk, Bolchalk FReY Marketing, presented by KOLD General Manager Jim Arnold
- **Man of the Year** - Richard Elias, Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors, presented by Arizona District 7 Congressman Raúl Grijalva
- **Woman of the Year** - Joan Bonvicini, Head Coach, UA Women's Basketball, presented by UA Athletic Director Jim Livengood

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Tickets can be purchased on the Center Against Sexual Assault website www.sacasa.org or by calling 327-1171 ext. 135. Seats are \$150 and sponsorship packages, including tables of 10, start at \$1,500. Advance reservations are recommended.

The Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault is Arizona's oldest and largest provider of sexual violence prevention and treatment services. Since 1973, the Center has provided 24-hour bilingual crisis services, comprehensive mental health services, prevention and community education services, and innovative programs serving underserved communities.

The Men's Anti-Violence Partnership has four major goals: to raise community awareness of men's violence against women; provide prevention education to young men who are at the highest risk of becoming violent toward women and girls; increase the resources available to the Center's overall prevention education efforts; and advocate for improved services for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

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