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Dear Stakeholders:

I am pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Attorney General's Victim Services Awards of Distinction. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, December 1, 2017.**

This important annual awards program recognizes the dedication and creativity of professionals and volunteers who serve victims, and the courageous efforts of individuals who have been personally impacted by crime and are now working to raise the profile of victims' issues in Ontario.

Nominations can be made for any eligible individual or organization/group in Ontario:

- individual victims of crime*, their family members, or others personally impacted by crime who have raised the profile of victims' issues in Ontario
- volunteers who offer their time and personal resources to help victims
- professional practitioners and paid victim services providers who have gone above and beyond their regular duties while providing support to victims of crime
- programs, groups and organizations that deliver innovative services to victims of crime

**Crime means an offence under the Criminal Code (Canada).*

There is no age restriction for nominees. Nominations are particularly welcome for youth who have made exceptional contributions to victim services in their communities.

Please note that the ministry cannot accept self-nominations or nominations for:

- persons with criminal cases currently before the courts
- persons who are not residents of Ontario
- organizations located outside the province of Ontario
- employees of federal, provincial and municipal governments and sworn police officers

The deadline for nominations is Friday, December 1, 2017. All nominations should be submitted and postmarked by that date.

The nomination package, including a nomination form and frequently asked questions about the program, is available on the ministry's [website](#).

You can obtain more information by contacting Laura Ostler at laura.ostler@ontario.ca.

I would kindly ask you to distribute this information to appropriate members of your community so that deserving individuals and groups may be considered for this award.

If you are personally aware of an individual or group that deserves acknowledgement, I strongly encourage you to submit a nomination.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this very important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JD', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Juanita Dobson
Assistant Deputy Attorney General