



End Abuse Long Beach

CHILD ABUSE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCIL
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End Abuse Long Beach holds its annual Holiday Awards Breakfast on December 11th, recognizing Mary Van Valkenburgh, MFT and The Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation.

Long Beach, California – December 9th, 2008, *End Abuse Long Beach*, the local Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Prevention Council, will present two Abuse Prevention awards at its annual Holiday Breakfast on December 11th from 8:00 – 9:30 at the Alpert Jewish Community Center:

Mary Van Valkenburgh, MFT, currently the Program Director at Family Services, has dedicated her career to working with survivors of abuse as a therapist, advocate, teacher, and leader. “Everyone wins when Mary puts her support and gifts to work—and she has done this in fighting to end the suffering of survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse and child abuse for over three decades,” says a colleague. She also served as Chairperson of the Women’s Advisory Group to the Long Beach Chief of Police and is the former Executive Director of the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency.

Josephine Schlenk Gumbiner, LCSW, dedicated her career to improving the lives of others, working for Family Service of Long Beach, Los Angeles County Department of Adoptions, United Way and Family Service of Los Angeles. In retirement, Josephine was determined to give to the community in a new way so in 1989 she established her charitable foundation. The Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation preserves its founder’s spirit of community involvement and service by supporting programs that benefit women and children in the Long Beach area for almost twenty years.

End Abuse Long Beach (previously *The Long Beach Area Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Prevention Council*) is a voluntary group of professionals and concerned community members who work in some way with abused or neglected children, domestic violence victims or perpetrators, and their families. *End Abuse Long Beach* provides a monthly forum and sponsors related conferences for community members to learn, discuss, question, network and share ideas relating to the treatment and prevention of child abuse and domestic violence.