



National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Houston Section

The Hannah G. Solomon Award

is presented annually to outstanding individuals who have worked to bring about social change and whose impact has motivated others to fight for change locally, nationally or internationally.

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)

is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

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ABOUT THE HONOREES



Susan Tortolero, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Health Promotion and Epidemiology at the University of Texas School of Public Health. She has over 20 years of experience conducting research on risk and protective behaviors regarding adolescent physical and mental health.

A primary focus is her interest in adolescent reproductive health.

Dr. Tortolero and her colleagues developed "It's Your Game" an HIV, STD and pregnancy prevention curriculum that is now being used in schools. The evidence-based content provides a strong argument for delaying sex among teens. She has appeared as a guest speaker for teen pregnancy prevention to wide ranging audiences including KPFT FM radio, ABC-TV, area high schools, health practitioners, Planned Parenthood and Texas Freedom Network.

She is the Director of the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research (CHPPR) at the University of

Texas School of Public Health. Dr. Tortolero serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Primary Prevention and as Vice Chair for the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

In addition, Dr. Tortolero directs the CDC's Texas Prevention Research Center (UT-PRC) which brings academic researchers, community members and public health agencies together to develop strategies for health and disease prevention among adolescents in Harris County and in Texas.



Andrea White has been a passionate supporter of her husband, Mayor Bill White. In one of the most vibrantly diverse cities in the country, Former First Lady Andrea White has focused on deepening community bonds. To help keep kids in school, Andrea and Bill, in partnership with HISD, founded *Expectation Graduation*. Every year on Reach Out to Drop Outs Day, volunteers knock on doors and personally ask kids to come back to school. Thousands of students have returned to school since the program started in 2004.

The program has grown to include 18 cities in Texas and beyond. Andrea feels strongly that dropping out of school needs serious attention, "...we respond if someone experiences a heart attack. We need to treat a kid's decision to drop out like an emergency, too."

Two other programs that develop community bonds are the *Amazing Faiths Project* and *We're All Neighbors*. In partnership with the Rice University Boniuk Center for Religious Tolerance, Interfaith Ministries of Houston and the Office of the Mayor, the city-wide *Amazing Faiths* initiative created Annual Dinner Dialogues where thousands of people of all faiths come to share a meal and a facilitated conversation about spirituality in their lives. The project has grown to other cities and includes youth-oriented programs.

We're All Neighbors showcases Houston's cultural, intellectual, architectural and everyday heroes that make this city unique.

Andrea has published books for children since Bill was elected Mayor and won a Golden Spur award for her first book, *Surviving Antarctica*. She is also the author of *Window Boy* and *Radiant Girl*. Her newest book, *P.S. Passionate Supporter and Political Spouse* was released March, 2009.



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cordially invites you
to attend the
2010 Hannah G Solomon Awards
honoring

Susan Tortolero, Ph.D.



Former First Lady, Andrea White

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane
Houston, TX 77027

11:00 a.m. VIP Reception

11:30 a.m. Luncheon Registration begins

12:00 p.m. Luncheon

Complimentary garage parking