

**New York State Community Action Association
Congratulates
2008 Award Recipients**

Visions and Values Award

Commissioner David Jolly

Orange County Department of Social Services

“Commissioner Jolly is a man of integrity, a social worker by profession, and one who projects an untiring passion for maintaining the dignity and improving the quality of life for all people and especially individuals and families facing complex challenges.”

Dr. Michael Kalsman

University Primary Care

“Dr. Kalsman embodies the vision of ‘helping people and changing lives’ by dedicating his very limited free time to providing free health care to the homeless of Cattaraugus County...focusing on both acute and chronic health care needs for the people least likely to afford it or access it.”

Personal Achievement Award

Kevin McCown

“Kevin McCown is a wonderful example of what a single parent can accomplish if they have the courage and drive to succeed...Kevin moved away from his support system, immediate family and business to provide a stable, safe environment for his young son.”

Leadership Award

Diane Cooper-Currier

Oswego County Opportunities

“Diane Cooper-Currier is a dynamic and enterprising force that is actively engaged in the development and advancement of community action...a proven visionary leader who has established high standards of professional and agency performance.”

Service Award

Joni Dix

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee

“Joni Dix’s compassion and tireless labors have made a significant improvement in the lives of many Orleans County residents. She is a Case Manager who not only seeks to assist every client that comes through the door, but also advocates for them on a personal and an agency level.”

Rosemary Fleming Award

Paulette Brindise

Washington County EOC

“Paulette is the first face that everyone sees when they enter our office and she greets everyone with a smile and ‘how can we help you’. Paulette is flexible, organized, caring, task-oriented, empathetic, and always takes initiative to stay busy and productive.”

Technology Leadership Award

P.E.A.C.E., Inc.

“The IT department at P.E.A.C.E., Inc. with the leadership of Michael Dardis, is always striving for excellence and looking for ways to not only improve our system for the agency but looks for ways to help our community members and other community agencies.”