

Jill W. Anderson – Alumni (BS, Psychology, 1995)

CAPSA CEO Jill Anderson cited by Gov. Spenser Cox for exemplary service to northern Utah

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SALT LAKE CITY – **Jill Anderson** — the CEO of Cache Valley’s Citizen Against Physical and Sexual Abuse — has been cited by Gov. Spenser Cox for exemplary service to survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse in northern Utah.

Jill Anderson was one of four individuals and four organizations selected by Cox to receive the second annual Governor’s Spirit of Service Awards. The presentation of those awards took place on July 27 in the Gold Room of the Utah State Capitol.

The recipients of those awards were selected from hundreds of nominations, according to members of Cox’s staff. “The Spirit of Service winners are amazing examples of why Utah leads the nation in volunteerism and service,” Cox said while making the awards presentation.

Under Jill Anderson’s leadership, CAPSA has grown from a small one-home shelter to be the leading domestic violence and sexual abuse support center in the state.

CAPSA is a non-profit domestic violence, sexual abuse and rape recovery center serving Cache County and the Bear Lake area. It provides free support services for women, men and children impacted by abuse.

Additionally, CAPSA seeks to reduce incidents of domestic and sexual abuse through preventive education.

CAPSA also provides secure transitional housing for abuse survivors to assist their reentry into a society without fear.

Previous awards to Jill Anderson for her accomplishments have included the 2013 Resident of the Year award from The Herald Journal; the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from Center for Women and Gender at Utah State University; the Melvin C. Wilson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Utah Council on Victims of Crime.

Other individual recipients of the second annual Spirit of Service Awards were Jared Quan, a writer, mentor and advocate who has performed volunteer work for numerous events and organizations; Mary Anne Anderson, who has devoted herself to supporting the growth of the arts community in Cedar City; and Stephanie Benally, a Native American foster care specialist who led the development of Utah’s first statewide Native American foster care recruitment and retention program.

Organizational recipients of the Spirit of Service Award included Switchpoint, a community resource center in Washington, Tooele and Salt Lake counties; Alianza Venezolana de Utah, a humanitarian effort formed in 2018 to help immigrants from Venezuela settle in Utah; Wasatch Wanderers Animal Rescue, a non-profit that rescues farm animals that have been abandoned, neglected or abused; and Friends of Snow Canyon, a volunteer effort supporting the mission of Snow Canyon State Park.

“I am honored to pay these individuals and organizations tribute and recognize the good they are doing in our great state,” according to Cox.