

THE NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONGRATULATES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES VICTOR RIVERS, ANNE CREWS AND KAREN ARTICHOKE FOR BEING HONORED AS PART OF WOMEN'S E-NEWS'S 21 LEADERS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

The 21 Leaders for the 21st Century is a reader-nominated list of individuals that have dedicated their lives to improving the lives of women. Victor, Anne and Karen truly deserve recognition for the work they have done to improve the lives of battered women and their children.

Recognized as a leader who “constructs new realities”, **Victor Rivers** has used his experience as a father, husband, son and survivor to advocate for social change. As National Spokesperson and Honorary Chair of NNEDV, Victor was one of the first men to speak out against domestic violence. In his memoir, “A Private Family Matter” (Atria Books, 2005), Victor not only opens up about the abuse he and his family endured at the hands of his father, but about the hope and spiritual renewal that occurred when members of his community chose to intervene and help him break the cycle of violence in his life. He is only the second man to be honored as one of the 21 Leaders for the 21st Century.



Anne Crews is being recognized as a leader who “hears the voices of women in need.” Mary Kay, Inc.’s mission is to “Enrich Women’s Lives”, and as Vice President of Government Relations, Anne has gone above and beyond to enrich the lives of breast cancer and domestic violence survivors. Under her stewardship, Mary Kay Inc. and the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation have actively engaged in efforts to end domestic violence by distributing more than \$3 million a year to domestic violence programs across the country and by providing Mary Kay’s 1.5 million employees and independent beauty consultants worldwide with training and educational materials to equip them with information to share with abused women.



Karen Artichoker, also recognized as a leader who “hears the voices of women in need,” has dedicated her life to promoting the sovereignty and safety of women -- particularly Native women, who experience higher rates of domestic violence and sexual assault. She is the co-founder of Cangleska Inc., the most comprehensive domestic violence program in the United States, located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Through her work, she has helped hundreds of Lakota families break the cycle of violence, and has helped Native Nations and tribal organizations better respond to violence against Native women and children.



We are so proud to be partners with such extraordinary advocates. Congratulations Victor, Anne and Karen!

A full list of leaders and their accomplishments is available at www.womensenews.org.