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INNOVATOR IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM CARE HONORED BY STEVIE® AWARD

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Jeanne L. Allert, Founder and Executive Director of The Samaritan Women, has been named the Silver Stevie® Award as Most Innovative Woman of the Year for government and non-profits.

The Stevie Awards have been hailed as the world's premier business awards and were presented to winners on November 16th during a dinner event in New York City. Award winners were determined by more than 200 business professionals around the world. Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 10,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 70 nations. Over 1,500 entries were submitted for consideration in 90 categories. Among the comments from the judges:

Inspiring and passionate leader! Amazing role model!

Jeanne Allert is clearly dedicated to her mission and has coupled her passion with high productivity in the care of victims of human trafficking, research and the creation of the National Sheltered Alliance. Amazingly impressive and inspiring!

Jeanne L. Allert, is a doctor of the soul. Bravo for this initiative for the survivors of the sex trafficking.

Jeanne L. Allert established the first long-term restorative care program in the Mid-Atlantic for victims of domestic sex trafficking. For over a decade, The Samaritan women has been providing therapeutic residential care and leading a national effort to improve services for survivors. Jeanne is chief architect behind the program which integrates survivor-input, evidenced-based practices, trauma-informed principles, and Christian values.

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On October 10th The Samaritan Women announced two new initiatives designed to improve services for domestic human trafficking survivors:

- The National Trafficking Sheltered Alliance (NTSA) (www.shelteredalliance.org) will serve as a trade association for shelter programs across the country, to advance the field of shelter care through advocacy, networking, agency accreditation and an annual conference.
- The Institute for Shelter Care (<https://instituteforsheltercare.org>) will serve as a research, training and equipping entity to help establish new shelter programs, stabilize and improve current programs, and facilitate qualified research to advance national standards of care and best practices.

When asked about the award, Ms. Allert replied, *“It’s exciting to have the Stevie Awards recognize this work and bring greater awareness to the work that lies ahead. Our mission is a big one: to ensure that any survivor, any where, has access to qualified, compassionate care. We will continue to innovate towards that goal.”*

About The Samaritan Women

The Samaritan Women has provided comprehensive, Christian care for victims of domestic sex trafficking for over a decade and has contributed to the growth of this field through research, mentoring start-ups, and hosting an annual conference of shelter programs. The Samaritan Women has expanded to 3 housing units, an on-site Schoolhouse, and a microenterprise. Under the leadership of Jeanne Allert, this organization has emerged as one of the national leaders in long-term, faith-based care. <https://instituteforsheltercare.org>

About the Stevie Awards

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