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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS - NEW JERSEY PRESENTS SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Stuart Green to Receive Award at NASW-NJ Annual Conference
Monday, May 2, 2011, Trump Taj Mahal, Grand Ballroom A-B, 6-8 PM*



[Edison, April 26] – On Monday, May 2, 2011, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-NJ) will present its Social Worker of the Year Award to Stuart Green, MSW, DMH, LCSW.

“We are very pleased to present this prestigious award to Stuart Green,” said Walter X. Kalman, NASWNJ Executive Director, “because he epitomizes the concern and caring for others that is the core value of our Social Work profession.”

Green founded the *Coalition for Bullying Prevention and Awareness* [www.njbullying.org] out of his concern and compassion for victims of bullying. The Coalition unites government and private organizations in raising awareness of bullying as a common and serious problem for school-age children. Stuart volunteers as the Coalition’s director and sole “front-line worker.” He is also a social worker in medical education and palliative care at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ.

A dedicated social worker committed to victims’ needs, Green has pushed for school programs to eliminate bias and prejudice toward targets of bullying. This includes those who are gay, bisexual, lesbian, or transgendered individuals, minority and ethnic groups, or in need of special education. A forceful, unwavering advocate for children, Green was appointed Chairman of the Governor’s Commission on Bullying in Schools, and presided over forums statewide to help the Legislature formulate laws and regulations to prevent bullying.

To increase public awareness, Green developed an educational Web site with up-to-date information on bullying [www.njbullying.org/]. He has organized conferences on the issue, testified before the NJ Legislature, conducted pro-bono workshops and in-service trainings, and provided counseling, advice, and referral information on a statewide hotline for bullying victims and their families. Hailed as a “one-person crusade” to create awareness of the deep harm and social injustice that bullying, in all its forms,

represents, Stuart Green has made the *Coalition for Bullying Prevention and Awareness* [www.njbullying.org] a powerful force for policy and an invaluable resource for schools, parents, and communities.

Stuart Green is a graduate of City College of New York and received his MSW from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University. He received his MA in psychology from Hunter College, and his Doctorate in Medical Humanities (DMH) from Drew University. He has been honored by the Union County Human Relations Commission, the NJ Child Assault Prevention program, and the American Cancer Society (Jody A. Morrow Humanitarian Award).

NASW-NJ will present the award to Green at its Annual Conference and Exhibition at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Monday, May 2, 2011, Grand Ballroom A-B, 6-8 PM.

Interested reporters and broadcast media are welcome to attend the awards ceremony. NASW-NJ will also provide interviews and background information on the award. Please contact NASW-NJ Assistant Executive Director MaryJean Weston at 732-296-8070, ext. 12 or by email at mjweston@naswnj.org.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest and most recognized membership organization of professional social workers in the world. Representing 145,000 members from 56 chapters in the United States and abroad, the association promotes, develops and protects the practice of social work and social workers. The New Jersey Chapter of NASW includes almost 8,000 social workers and social work students. NASW-NJ represents the interests of more than 20,000 social workers in the state.