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## **Alliance Employees Recognized for Outstanding Service**

**VINELAND, NJ**—South Jersey AIDS Alliance (SJAA), one of New Jersey's leaders in the fight against HIV/AIDS, presented awards to six of its employees to recognize them for outstanding service on December 14, 2007 during an awards ceremony in Vineland, NJ.

The awards received are as follows:

Georgett Watson received an award for 15 years of service. Watson resides in Mays Landing, NJ and is SJAA's program director for all its sites in Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May counties. Watson is responsible for nearly twenty separate but integrated programs that serve about 2,500 people annually living with HIV/AIDS and/or at very high risk for HIV across a 1,300 square mile area.

Rafael Roman received an award for 10 years of service. Roman resides in Vineland, NJ and is the supervisor for the OASIS drop-in center in Atlantic City, NJ. Roman oversees many services including intensive and prevention case management, the 'clothing closet', emergency food, transportation, support groups, free HIV testing, bilingual services and community outreach.

Rosalind Williams received an award for 5 years of service. Williams resides in Bridgeton and is SJAA's assistant program director working out of the Millville office. Williams played a major role in developing and getting the quality assurance procedures and evaluation tools off the ground and continues to manage SJAA's cutting-edge Q/A programs. "Our staff is dedicated to ensuring that our programs are meeting our client's needs," said Williams.

Leslie Roca-Soto received an award for 5 years of service. Roca-Soto resides in Vineland, NJ and is the supervisor for Prevention House in Bridgeton, NJ and the Palm Project in Millville, NJ. Roca-Soto oversees several services including prevention case management, prison discharge planning, the SISTA Project, Healthy Relationships, Safety Counts and community outreach.

Iris Ortiz-Alvarado received an award for 5 years of service. Ortiz-Alvarez resides in Vineland, NJ and is a case manager in the Vineland center. As a case manager, Ortiz-Alvarado helps clients to create a plan based on their needs to provide them with the very best health care and social service available.

Janet Velez received an award for 3 years of service. Velez lives in Vineland and is also case manager

in the Vineland center. Velez is also responsible for assisting clients to create a plan that provides the client with the very best health care and social service available.

To learn more about SJAA's free and private services, go to its website at **[www.southjerseyaidsalliance.org](http://www.southjerseyaidsalliance.org)** or call 800-281-AIDS.

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