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Press Release

NAATP Presents Michael Q. Ford Journalism Award for 2004

Donna Corrente: Pioneer in women's addiction treatment receives the 2004 Journalism Award from NAATP

Lancaster, PA, June 9, 2004: The Michael Q. Ford Journalism Award has been established by the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers to recognize the journalistic efforts, both electronic and print, that promote the value of and need for addiction treatment. The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers recognizes that there continues to be a void in this country in terms of information regarding the disease of addiction and the need for treatment as well as the continued stigma against viewing addiction as a disease and the promotion of treatment as a response to the disease.

This award has been developed in recognition of the immense leadership provided by Michael Q. Ford, the first Executive of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers and whose journalistic style and flair was evident in all of the publication of NAATP. His energy, wit and determination helped to shape the direction of this organization. On September 23, 1999 his sudden and untimely death robbed NAATP and the addiction treatment field of a champion.

The 2004 recipient is Donna Corrente, the implementer of services provided through Hanley-Hazelden's Center for Women's Recovery in West Palm Beach, Florida. Ms. Corrente has used this experience as a springboard for educating the American public and service professionals about the special needs of addicted women. She has had many media appearances and through professional training she has provided new approaches to the treatment of addicted women.

Rather than pursue being published in journals that reach small scholarly audiences but enhance one's professional stature, Donna has chosen to devote her time to writing articles for frontline

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counselors serving addicted women. Representative of these writings are her recent (2003) three-part series of articles in *Counselor*. This series typifies her growing contribution to the field. These articles were topically well-chosen, well-researched, and presented in a style that was informative and engaging. They provided information to which most counselors had not been exposed and that had significant clinical implications. The articles provided frontline counselors with tools that could enhance their responsiveness to the needs of addicted and recovering women. The feminization of addiction treatment will stand as one of the most significant achievements within the modern era of treatment.

Donna Corrente is one of the pioneers whose contributions are making that achievement possible. Michael Q. Ford was someone who believed he could change the world through his written words and he did that with enormous skill, passion and grace. Donna Corrente is following that tradition and accordingly was presented the 2004 Michael Q. Ford Journalism Award on May 16, 2004 as part of the NAATP Annual Conference in Tampa, FL.

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The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers is a trade association representing over 270 of the best known providers of addiction treatment both in this country and internationally. The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers' office and executive Dr. Ronald J. Hunsicker are located in Lancaster, PA and NAATP is governed by a Board of Directors from across the country. Additional information on this award or on the work of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers may be obtained by contacting the NAATP office at 717-392-8480.