

26th Annual
CRIMESTOPPERS
Awards Luncheon 

March 17, 2011

The George Loker Community Service Award

Mr. Loker, a founding member of Crimestoppers, dedicated countless hours to the mission of Crimestoppers and to the safety of his community. Recipients exemplify Mr. Loker's and Crimestoppers' commitment to community safety.

Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans

Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, formed in 2005, is a grassroots, non-partisan initiative formed to be a voice for reform and renewal for GNO and a better Louisiana. The community group provides a venue and resources for citizens to voice their opinions and concerns and to take action rebuilding GNO, while demanding a government that is open, honest and transparent.

Citizens for 1 led the efforts to consolidate and reform the entrenched levee boards of S.E. La, and the consolidation and reform of the Orleans Assessor offices through two successful legislative and state constitutional campaigns. Using the successes as a springboard, the group of activists took on additional challenges. They began advocating in such areas as criminal justice, education and governmental ethics through local and state legislative action. They helped to establish the Ethics Review Board, the Office of Inspector General and an Independent Police Monitor for New Orleans.

Citizens for 1 and their Criminal Justice Committee has provided key leadership for successful criminal justice reform, including the founding of Court Watch NOLA, serving as a founding member of the Crime Coalition, recommending and supporting the adoption of an integrated technology and community system, OPISIS. The committee's primary focus has been strongly advocating for juvenile justice reform. Members have served on the Mayor's Transition Team, District Attorney's Transition Team, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Advisory Committee, Crimestoppers Board, Court Watch NOLA Board, Metropolitan Crime Commission and Children's Youth and Planning Board. The organization received the Outstanding Leader in Citizen Participation Award from the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana.

Darlene Cusanza,
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