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Fullerton resident Dr. Dallas Stout given 6th annual “Linda Kearns Community Prevention” award

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The OC Substance Abuse Prevention Network (OCSAPN), OC’s longest-running and most well known, professional youth prevention and treatment networking organization, has awarded Dr. Dallas Stout of DoctorS Nonprofit Consulting, the 6th annual Linda Kearns Community Prevention Award at their 31st annual Showcase of Community Prevention Efforts. The 22nd annual Showcase, held in Costa Mesa on September 22nd, was one of the largest prevention events of the year in OC according to Dr. Bill Beacham, the event Co-Chair.

This prestigious award was established in 2006 to honor Linda Kearns’ more than 30 years of work in the field of youth alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, violence, AIDS, & pregnancy prevention as well as positive youth development approaches. The purpose of the Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network, founded in 1980, is to promote and enhance the quality, quantity, coordination, and cooperation of positive youth development programs and prevention services in Orange County.

In bestowing the award, Linda Kearns stated: “I first met Dallas Stout over 19 years ago when he was an intern for Straight Talk Counseling Clinic in Cypress as part of his undergraduate work. From that time on, Dallas began to volunteer his time working with several of our county coalitions, and it was evident to me that he was a dedicated and committed member. Dallas has served on the Executive Committee of OCSAPN for about 18 years in a variety of positions including as our Chair for several years. He represents us well across the County including in radio and television interviews.

He was around at the start of the Violence Prevention Coalition of OC (VPCOC) in 1996. Dallas has been involved with the VPCOC since then and has served as the Co-Chair with his wife, Dr. Debra Stout, from 2002-10. In that position, he has been a strong advocate in bringing relevant issues around violence to the forefront by arranging speakers and panels and supporting legislation that helps to lessen violence in our community. He attends forums and town hall meetings sponsored by legislators who want to know what is really happening in our county,

represents the VPCOC at local and national conferences, and meets with local experts in the area of gang prevention and youth development to determine the best way to go in making our county a safer place for children and families. More recently, in 2010 Dallas was elected as President of the California Chapters of the Brady Campaign to Reduce Gun Violence.

Dallas has his students from Cal State Fullerton, where he is on the Faculty in the Department of Child & Adolescent Studies as well as Counseling, come to our monthly meetings to see how a real community coalition works and to learn about the resources we have in OC. He believes in the power of community coalitions and has assisted several groups in looking for grant opportunities which would increase their visibility and strengthen the advocacy they do for those needing help.

Personally speaking, there are few people out there whom I know who have as strong of a moral compass as this young man. He is always true to his word, honors every commitment he makes, shows up and speaks up consistently, and isn't afraid to be "unpopular" by bringing up issues or concerns that need to be addressed in the groups he has worked with. Dallas "walks his talk" in his personal life by being a leader and a mentor outside of his work for the youth in his community and his church. He takes them on camping trips, retreats and other outings on weekends and holidays".

"I am both surprised and honored," Dr. Stout said upon accepting the award, "to receive this wonderful acknowledgment, thank you".

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