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March Is National Social Work Month: Social Work Matters
Local Rockford Therapist Honored as Social Worker of the Year

Rockford, IL—There are over 12,000 professional social workers in Illinois, all of whom dedicate their careers to either helping people transform their lives, or improve environments that make such progress possible. These individuals serve as agents of positive change in their communities, working to improve the fabric of society by serving as advocates for people who need help addressing serious life challenges and exploring their options.

This year's National Social Work Month theme, "Social Work Matters," celebrates the many ways professional social workers make a difference for people every day. In honor of Social Work Month, the National Association of Social Workers Illinois Chapter (NASW Illinois) is honoring the work of exceptional social workers and individuals whose work promotes social justice and social change with and on behalf of the people and clients they serve.

One exemplary Illinois social worker being honored this year at the NASW Illinois Jane Addams District Awards event is Social Worker of the Year **Lynn Cadmus** (*AM, University of Chicago*) has worked as therapist at Family Counseling Services in Rockford for nearly twenty-three years. Subsequently, she accepted a position at Janet Wattles Center (JWC) as therapist, and sixteen months accepted her current position as Trauma Therapist with the Therapeutic Intervention Program (TIP). TIP Court is Winnebago County's mental health court, and Rosecrance Ware Center (formerly JWC) staffs the mental health part of the team.

The awards ceremony for the Jane Addams District will take place on Thursday, March 15, 2012. For more information about the event, contact Jane Addams District Chair Joan Lodge at jlodge@naswil.org. To learn more about the awardees and the other individuals being honored during National Social Work Month, please visit the NASW Illinois Chapter website (www.naswil.org) or contact Nina Nguyen at nnguyen@naswil.org.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 150,000 members and over 7,000 in Illinois alone. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

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