

# Sister Vicki honored as role model

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She moved here seven years ago upon the recommendation of her local parish in El Paso, Texas, to become the director of mission services for Henderson's St. Rose Dominican Hospital.

Sister Vicki Dalesandro accepted the challenge because she knew her fellow sisters had been dedicated to St. Rose since it opened in 1947.

Sister Vicki's dedication to the hospital and the community for most of the decade has earned her one of five 1999s honorees of the Nevada Women's Role Model Award.

"It's very humbling to get the honor, because you do these things because of who you are and because you think it needs to be done. You never think you'll get an award," Sister Vicki said.

As the director of mission services at St. Rose, Sister Vicki oversees several programs, including "Positive Impact," which provides medical assistance for uninsured children, "the Baby Your Baby Program", "the Natural Family Planning Program", "St. Rose's Environmental Action Committee" and the "Cultural Diversity" program.

Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa presented the award Saturday at Cashman Field as part of the Southern Nevada Eye on Women

Expo.

The other honorees were Louise Helton, the founder of Clinic on Wheels and Computer on Wheels, Ann Lynch, the vice president of Community Services at Sunrise Hospital, Judge Nancy Oesterle, and Michelle Jan Stalk, an active member of many non-profits, such as Shade Tree Shelter and Valley Shelter for Homeless.

During Saturday's presentation, Del Papa said, "These women are being recognized for their effort, talent and unending commitment to improve the lives of those in our community.

"We want to thank you for being a role model for all of us," said Del Papa, Nevada's first woman secretary of state and attorney general.

Jean Byrd, a St. Rose registered nurse who runs "Baby Your Baby," said Sister Vicki goes over and beyond her responsibilities.

"She really tries to know everything that goes on in the community, and tries to think how the hospital can help," Byrd said.

Sister Vicki was nominated by Sister Virginia Corley, who was unable to attend the presentation, but left these words: "Her gentle but influential approach has obviously made a difference, providing services and guidance to enhance the lives of her St. Rose neighbors, and to the larger community to which she has become a resource."



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**WOMEN'S ROLE MODEL AWARD CEREMONY**  
**Saturday, May 1st, 12:30 PM**  
**Cashman Field**

Sister Virginia Corley  
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Dear Sister Corley,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the person you nominated for a 1999 Women's Role Model Award has been selected as a recipient.

The Nevada Women's Role Model Award provides the Attorney General's office with an opportunity to honor the achievements of outstanding Nevada women. Previous recipients have included educators, health care workers, administrators and community activists. Your nominee was selected as a recipient based upon their dedication, commitment, achievements and contributions to the community.

The selection process was extremely difficult since the numerous women nominated are all among the most active and motivated citizens of our state.

Your nominee is living proof that one person can make a difference! The Women's Role Model Award is a tribute to the role she play in proving that every day.

The ceremony honoring the recipients will be held at the above mentioned time and location. Please feel free to invite your family.

If my office can be of any assistance, please call Steve George at (775) 687-3512.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frankie Sue Del Papa".

Frankie Sue Del Papa

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