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## **Nancy Kuhuski of West Sound Youth for Christ Recognized as High-Performing Human Service Professional by Superstar Foundation's Veronica Awards**

Silverdale, Wash.—[The Superstar Foundation](#), an organization that seeks to pay great human services professionals great pay for great work, announced today Nancy Kuhuski, ILS and Teen Parents Director for West Sound Youth for Christ in Silverdale, Wash., has been named a 2012 Veronica Award winner. These awards are given to direct service professionals who demonstrate outstanding performance in promoting transformational relationships with the participants they serve. In addition to Nancy, staff members from Juma Ventures, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, and Seattle Jobs Initiative have received a total of \$20,000 in [Veronica Awards](#) from the Superstar Foundation.

Nancy develops a deep relationship with each of her clients and creatively individualizes everything from the way she approaches a youth to how their goal plans are carried out, particularly impressive as she is carrying a caseload of 36 foster youth and up to 30 teen parents at any given time. Nancy's approach has helped her clients remain above average on key outcomes compared to the general population, with 76% of her eligible youth having graduated or received their GED, compared to 32% - 44% average for foster youth in Washington state and 100% of Nancy's eligible youth are currently enrolled and attending high school, compared to 45% average for foster youth in Washington state.

"It is a great honor to have been selected to receive this award," Nancy said. "Every young person, regardless of their story or the choices they have made, is capable of more than their life circumstances have dictated. It is a privilege to mentor, encourage, believe in, and extend hope to some of our next generations' most vulnerable youth."

[Since 2008](#), the Superstar Foundation has used the Veronica Awards to recognize human services professionals who keep [the transformational relationship](#) with their participants at the core of their work and who demonstrate the effectiveness of that approach through measured outcomes. Veronica Award recipients receive a check from the Superstar Foundation and have their stories memorialized at Social Solutions' office in Baltimore and an online hall of fame. The awards themselves are named after the mother of entrepreneur [Steve Butz](#), as his mother was committed to various social causes and laid the foundation of a strong social consciousness in her children.

"I am deeply proud of the 2012 Veronica Award winners. They are not only doing great work but have the data to back it up," said Steve Butz, CEO of Social Solutions. "These human service workers can proudly say they are the best in their field and can inspire their colleagues to learn



how to become even better at improving lives because they have both the data and inspirational success stories.”

The Superstar Foundation will be accepting applications in fall 2013 for next year’s Veronica Awards; information will become available over the coming months at [www.superstarfoundation.org](http://www.superstarfoundation.org).

### **About Social Solutions**

Social Solutions is the leading provider of performance management software for human services, connecting efforts to outcomes, people to social services, and service providers and communities to funders. The company’s Efforts to Outcomes (ETO™) software goes beyond case management, and enables public, private, and nonprofit organizations, such as Harlem Children’s Zone®, Catholic Charities, Annie E. Casey Foundation, HUD, and cities such as Boston and Hartford to collaborate, save time, and improve service quality and effectiveness. Thousands of service providers, collaboratives, funders, evaluators, and government organizations use ETO software as they work with over 12 million participants each day

### **About Superstar Foundation**

The Superstar Foundation is an organization committed to recognizing and rewarding great human service professionals for the invaluable work that they do. Dedicated to expanding the use of highly intentional, transformative relationships as the core of social services, the Superstar Foundation has administered the annual Veronica Awards since 2008. The Veronica Awards highlight and reward the efforts of the high-performing direct service professionals who embody this philosophy and have the data to back up their performance.