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### **Safe Havens Honors Dr. Judith Lewis Herman with Annual IMPACT Award**

BOSTON, MASS. - Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse will bestow its 9th Annual IMPACT Award on **Judith Lewis Herman, M.D. on Thursday, May 9, 2024**. Safe Havens is thrilled to honor Dr. Herman for her groundbreaking work on trauma, PTSD, and healing, all of which has profoundly affected Safe Havens' own work.

Since 2015, the IMPACT (Individuals and Institutions Making Progress Against Abuse in Communities Together) Award has honored individuals and organizations whose partnerships and commitment strengthen the work of Safe Havens and contribute to justice and hope for victims and survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse. Safe Havens' Co-Director, Rev. Dr. Anne Marie Hunter, loves how the award "celebrates both the individual leadership and the organizational commitment that raises awareness, changes attitudes, and promotes safety and justice for survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse."

Dr. Herman's work in the field of trauma has had an important IMPACT on how people talk about and understand trauma, both nationally and internationally. Closer to home, Dr. Herman's article, "Justice from a Victim's Perspective" has helped Safe Havens empower faith communities to walk the trauma-to-justice journey with survivors of abuse.

The 2024 Safe Havens IMPACT Award ceremony will take place on **Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. Tickets for the event are \$30.00. Additional donations are welcomed and sponsorships are available. All proceeds from the 2024 IMPACT Award event will support Safe Havens' work in Greater Boston. For more information or to learn more about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Alyson Morse Katzman at [amkatzman@interfaithpartners.org](mailto:amkatzman@interfaithpartners.org).

Tickets may be purchased online through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information about our 2024 honoree or past honorees, please visit <https://www.interfaithpartners.org/impact-award>.

**About Dr. Herman:** Judith Lewis Herman M.D. is Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. For thirty years, until she retired, she was Director of Training at the Victims of Violence Program at The Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, MA. She is the author of the award-winning books Father-Daughter Incest (Harvard University Press, 1981), and Trauma and Recovery (Basic Books, 1992). She is the recipient of numerous awards, including a Guggenheim fellowship in 1984 and the 1996 Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. In 2007 she was named a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Her new book, Truth and Repair: How Trauma Survivors Envision Justice, was published in March, 2023.

**About Safe Havens:** Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse was founded in 1991 to empower diverse faith leaders (both lay and clergy) and congregations to address domestic violence and elder abuse and to build bridges between domestic violence service providers and faith communities. Safe Havens initially focused on raising awareness, but quickly developed trainings and resources to strengthen the capacity of faith leaders and service providers to partner with one another in order to increase access to safety and services for survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse. This year's IMPACT Award celebration will also kick off Safe Havens' 33<sup>rd</sup> year of working locally in Greater Boston and 21<sup>st</sup> year of working nationally as Technical Assistance providers for the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice. For more information, please visit Safe Havens' [website](#), Facebook, and Instagram.

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