



# International Women's Day

## MF Most Inspiring Women of the Year 2010

### NOMINEE FOR AWARD

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Is the nominee aware they have been nominated for this award? Yes/No (Please circle)

Signature:  Date: 26/1/10

NOMINATE THE MOST INSPIRING WOMEN YOU KNOW - YOUR FRIEND, YOUR BOSS, YOUR DENTIST OR EVEN YOURSELF!

### Please outline the reasons for your nomination below

Ann O'Neill is the founder of angelhands – a not for profit organization that assists secondary victims of homicide and victims of serious inter-personal crime. Ann works tirelessly to raise awareness in both the community and in the political arena of the needs of victims of crime. Ann herself suffered enormous tragedy 14 years ago when her estranged husband shot and killed her two young children, then turned the gun on Ann, shooting her in the leg (resulting in Ann losing her leg from the knee down) and turning the gun on himself. She was only 24 and has since reclaimed her life by going back to school, obtaining a Social Work degree – and being awarded the Grace Vaughan Award (an award with a scholarship to assist those working in the areas of social justice and human rights) in 2001. Ann is currently doing her PhD on the experience of friends and families of murder victims. Ann has helped hundreds of people navigate life after losing a loved one, myself included and sits on several boards and committees – including the Victims of Crime Reference Group. Ann inspires me every day with her compassionate nature, her focus on achieving a better deal for victims of crime and for founding angelhands. Ann was also the original founder of the Homicide Victims Support Group. Ann has appeared on Australian Story (On This Day Forth) and has been the focus of numerous media publications.

THE NOMINEE MUST BE OVER 18 AND AVAILABLE ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2010.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2010