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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SPRINGVILLE DONOR RECEIVES JUSTICE AWARD DURING LAW  
DAY CELEBRATION**

Today District Attorney Tim Ward presented Springville resident Pegge Wall with the 2017 Justice Award during the annual Law Day Ceremony at the Tulare County Superior Court in Visalia. The Justice Award, which is presented annually by the Office of the District Attorney, honors an individual or group that has gone above and beyond in ensuring that justice is served for victims of crime.

In 2016, Mrs. Wall donated the Porterville Masonic Lodge building, which had also been home to her and her late husband's Walco corporate offices, to the Central California Family Crisis Center, a 24-hour emergency shelter that serves more than 400 women and children each year. The Family Crisis Center, currently celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service, had previously leased the building for its offices and shelter. The donation is valued at \$500,000.

"Community non-profits often travel a road of uncertainty. What they need in order to serve others, both financial and physical, is at the behest and generosity of others," said District Attorney Tim Ward. "The Central California Family Crisis Center considers Pegge to be its guardian angel."

"Not everyone can give a building, but everyone can give something," Mrs. Wall said to the full courtroom that included her family, Porterville city officials, and members of the Law and Justice Academy at Granite Hills High School.

Law Day was first proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in partnership with the American Bar Association in 1958 in an effort to commemorate and elaborate on the role of law in American society in contrast with the use of force by totalitarian regimes.

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