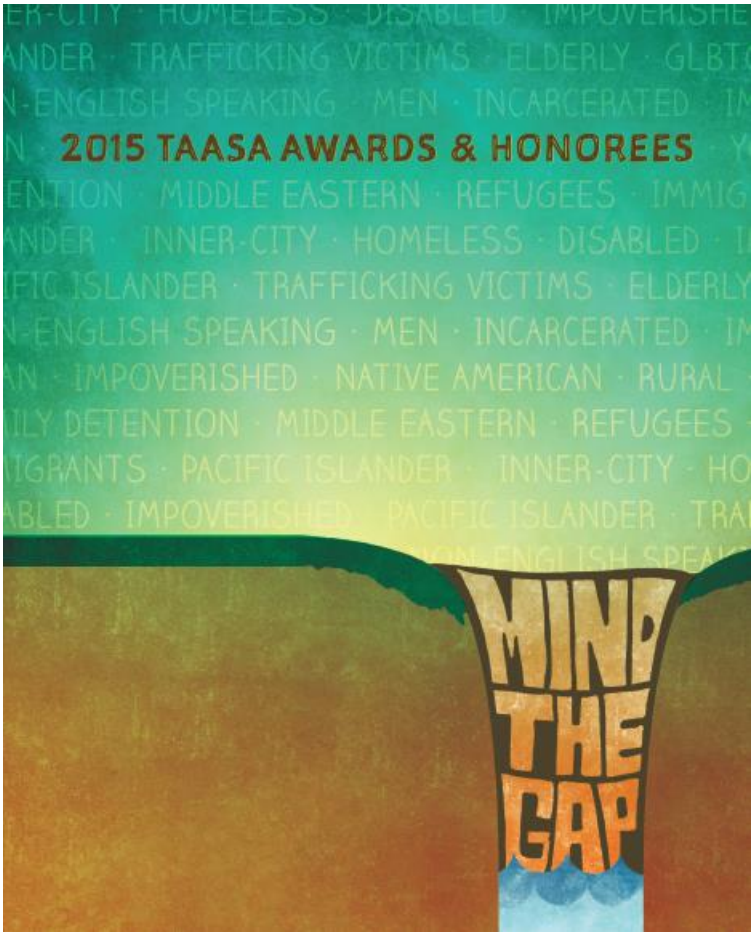

VIVIAN MILES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
DEBORAH TUCKER

Debbie Tucker's name is often first associated with ending domestic violence. Although this is an accurate reflection of her work, it certainly isn't the entire picture. Debbie began her work in this movement as a volunteer victim advocate with the Austin Rape Crisis Center in the mid-1970's. When she left the RCC, it was as the Assistant Director. She went on to work at the Center for Battered Women and eventually was the founding executive director of TCFV. In 1998, Debbie returned to her roots in sexual assault work when she founded the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence. She led that organization as executive director until 2015 and continues to serve this organization as board president.

For more than 40 years Ms. Tucker has worked to meet the needs of sexual assault survivors. Whether working as a SA Victim advocate, or working on the intersections of sexual assault and domestic violence, or being deeply involved in federal policy work as part of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, she continues to make a positive impact on the lives of sexual assault survivors in Texas and across the nation.