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## Retired UIC Associate Dean Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award

**Oak Park, IL**— For generations, the social work profession has worked to strengthen the well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, especially people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. In continuation of this year's National Professional Social Work Month theme, "Generations Strong," the National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter (NASW-IL) is honoring the work of some exceptional Illinois social workers and individuals of every generation, whose work promotes social justice and social change with and on behalf of the people and clients they serve.

One such exemplary Illinois social worker being honored this year is 2020 NASW-Illinois Chapter Statewide Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Faith Bonecutter, MSW, LCSW. **Faith Bonecutter** (MSW, University of Illinois at Chicago; LCSW) retired as clinical associate professor and associate dean for Academic Affairs and Students at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Jane Addams College of Social after 35 years of service. She has over 30 years of full- and part-time social work practice experience in service to families in social service, mental health, and child welfare settings. Her prior research and scholarship have focused on practice in kinship foster care. In addition to her administrative responsibilities as associate dean, she taught in the MSW generalist practice sequence and in the child and family specialization.

In support of her nomination of Faith, UIC Clinical Associate Professor Annette Johnson, ACSW, LCSW, wrote: "[Faith] is a stellar servant leader who has contributed her entire professional career to elevating the profession of social work in all that she does. She has had tremendous impact on a myriad of entities, stretching far beyond the university and her community, by making meaningful contributions to all that she has touched."

Fellow colleague and associate professor emeritus James P. Gleeson, PhD, ACSW, MEd, also wrote: "...Faith has lived her life and accomplished so much for the benefit of so many.... [Those] of us who have worked with her understand how much she has contributed to the development of the social work profession, social work practice, social work education, and ultimately to the lives of individuals and families."

The NASW-Illinois Chapter is proud of the work of Faith Bonecutter and others like her who fight every day for the underserved and underprivileged in Illinois. Faith is one of four individuals being honored as this year's NASW-Illinois Chapter Statewide Awardees. To learn more about the other statewide awardees, please visit the NASW-Illinois Chapter website ([www.naswil.org](http://www.naswil.org)) or contact Joel L. Rubin, executive director, at [jrubin.naswil@socialworkers.org](mailto:jrubin.naswil@socialworkers.org).

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