

Victoria J. Mastrobuono Awardee – Laura Campbell

The 2025 Victoria J. Mastrobuono Award in Women's Health honors, for the first time, an activist: Laura, a Nevada mother whose traumatic pregnancies inspired her advocacy for full access to reproductive health care, especially during pregnancy and childbirth.

Laura and her husband, Spencer, faced a series of traumatic pregnancies beginning with a miscarriage, followed by second pregnancy resulting in a complicated C-section where their baby briefly lost oxygen but survived, and then a stillbirth caused by eclampsia that required emergency delivery. The experience of delivering a baby who wouldn't survive remains a painful memory.

Laura knows firsthand the dangers of abortion restrictions—maternal death rates are 62% higher in states with bans, according to the NIH. Now a mother to two healthy children, Keith and Lily, she felt compelled to act. Laura joined Nevadans for Reproductive Freedom for All, sharing her story and gathering signatures to place a constitutional amendment protecting abortion care on Nevada's 2026 ballot. Her courage and leadership make her a worthy recipient of the Victoria J. Mastrobuono Award in Women's Health.

Laura is a state board member of Nevada NOW and has served as Director of Action.

ABOUT THE VICTORIA J. MASTROBUONO AWARD

Thanks to a generous bequest from Victoria J. Mastrobuono, the NOW Foundation presents the Mastrobuono Award each year to a physician, researcher, health advocate, or person of note who has made a substantial contribution to women's health.

Ms. Mastrobuono joined NOW in 1985 and remained a faithful and generous supporter until her passing in 2009. Also, an avid patron of the arts, Mastrobuono endowed many theaters, operas, and emerging artists programs in her home state of New Jersey.

As a caring philanthropist, she made women's health a top priority and ensured through her bequest that outstanding health care providers, researchers, and advocates will receive the recognition they deserve.