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March 24, 2004

Dear Fellow Citizen:

The City of Champaign recognizes that our Champaign-Urbana Community has a very strong international emphasis, with a large international student population and faculty presence, several international programs at the University of Illinois, a growing international trade, and a large number of citizens whose work, volunteer efforts, or recreation has taken them abroad. Therefore, through our Human Relations Commission, we have developed a program to recognize community residents for their international humanitarian service.

The purpose of the International Humanitarian Awards is:

- to honor individuals whose work has contributed significantly to international understanding, cooperation, friendship and development;
- to recognize the richness of Champaign County's international contributions, concerns and commitments in the following categories: agriculture, hospitality, humanitarian relief, human rights, research/education; and trade and business;
- to educate the public about the connections which exist between our local community and the global community.

The C-U International Humanitarian Awards Steering Committee, volunteers representative of government, university and civic community leaders, was formed to develop award criteria for recipient selection and recognition. **Nominations are now being sought and are due on Tuesday, June 15, 2004.** They should document how a candidate's extraordinary international service has improved the lives and contributed to the well-being of people in the following areas: agriculture, hospitality, humanitarian relief, human rights, research/education or trade and business. The award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony on *Monday, September 27, 2004, 6:00p.m., Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.*

We invite you to consider nominating an individual or organization for the 2004 C-U International Humanitarian Award. The eligibility and criteria for selection, nomination process, where to send nomination materials and other pertinent information relevant to the nomination is attached. The Community Relations Office will retain nominations for five years. The decision of the selection committee is final. Please submit completed nominations to:

Denise Gordon, Event Coordinator
C-U International Humanitarian Awards Nomination
City of Champaign
Community Relations Office
102 N. Neil Street
Champaign, IL 61820
CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us

Please plan to attend the C-U International Humanitarian Awards Ceremony and help honor the award recipients. Thank you for your support of this important humanitarian effort.

Sincerely,

Steve Carter
City Manager

Jerry Schweighart
Mayor

Donna Anderson

Adventure Travel

Nathaniel Banks

UIUC - African American Cultural Program

Magali Browning

City of Champaign

Vacellia Clark

City of Urbana

Tiffany Cook

Champaign County Chamber of Commerce

Ruth Fliegel

Champaign Human Relations Commission

Amani Fouad Ayad

Urbana Adult Education

Denise Gordon

City of Champaign

Kimiko Gunji

UIUC - Japan House

Karen Hampton

The News-Gazette

Zarina M. Hock

National Council of Teachers of English

Hans Hock

UIUC - Professor of Linguistics and Sanskrit

Madeleine Jaehne

UIUC - International Engagement Protocol

Sandi Jones

Provena-Covenant

Earl Kellogg

UIUC - Associate Provost for International Affairs

Rita Morocoima-Black

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission

Rasul Mowatt

Champaign Human Relations Commission

Uretz Oliphant

Carle Foundation Hospital

Suzana Palaska-Nicholson

UIUC - Office of International Student Affairs

Page Parkhill

Community Volunteer

Barbara Payne

American Red Cross

Barbara Ramsay

City of Champaign

Gary Wackerlin

Verdant Partners

Allison Walter

UIUC - International Engagement Protocol

Margot Williams

Parkland College

Pierre Wiltzius

Beckman Institute for Advanced
Science and Technology

2004 C-U INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Criteria for Selection

PURPOSE

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ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Any individual who lives and/or works in, or any organization located in Champaign County is eligible to be nominated for this award.
- Individuals need not be citizens of the United States.
- A diverse group of individuals receiving the award will exemplify the following characteristics:
 - ❑ Clear and exemplary contributions to both the local and global communities.
 - ❑ A strong commitment to international understanding and cooperation.
 - ❑ A demonstrated sense of respect in relations with other countries and people.

NOMINATION PROCESS

An individual may nominate a candidate by submitting the following information to the Awards Nomination Committee:

- Completed Nomination Form
- A response answering the questions on the Nomination Form (narrative of three (3) pages or less, double-spaced).
- Any supporting materials, e.g., supporting letters, media coverage.

Award Nominations: Submit to: C-U International Humanitarian Award Nomination, City of Champaign, Community Relations Office, 102 North Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

Deadline for Nominations: Nominations and supporting materials must be received by Tuesday, June 15th, at 5:00 p.m.

SELECTION PROCESS

A committee of community representatives will select the award recipients after reviewing all nomination materials. The decision of the selection committee is final.

2004 C-U International Humanitarian Award

Nomination Form

NOMINEE () Individual () Organization (*check one*):

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Organizational Affiliation _____
Telephone: Daytime _____ Evening _____
Email address: _____

NOMINATED BY:

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Organizational Affiliation _____
Telephone: Daytime _____ Evening _____
Email address: _____

Category (mark one): Agriculture Hospitality Humanitarian Relief Human Rights
 Research/Education Trade and Business

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (*narrative 3 pages or less, double-spaced*):

1. **Describe the nominee's work in the international arena.**
 - What are the nominee's accomplishments and achievements?
 - How has the nominee inspired others by his or her work?
 - What evidence is there that others hold the nominee in high regard within the community or field served by the nominee?

2. **How does the nominee exemplify the following criteria?**
 - Clear and significant contributions to both the local and global communities.
 - A strong commitment to international understanding and cooperation.
 - A demonstrated sense of respect in relations with other countries and people.

3. In addition to the narrative please provide supporting material, e.g., supporting letters, media coverage.

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2003 Award Recipients



CHAMPAIGN - URBANA

International Humanitarian Awards



Dr. Michael Goldwasser, Carle Clinic Association Individual Award in the Area of Humanitarian Relief



Dr. Michael S. Goldwasser has gained worldwide respect and acclaim for sharing his surgical skills with indigent families across the globe, bringing new smiles and hope to children suffering from cleft lip and cleft palate deformities.

For the last 10 years, Dr. Goldwasser has led over 15 medical missions to the Philippines, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Mexico. He and his team provide surgery and follow-up care at no charge to families who would never be able to pay the cost of having corrective surgery. Dr. Goldwasser bears the expense of his own airfare, meals, and lodging on each of these missions. He has willingly given weeks of his time for which he is not paid, time spent away from his own family.

Children born with a cleft palate deformity (the absence of a roof to their mouth) can suffer malnutrition, dental problems, speech anomalies, and other health consequences, and they are often ostracized by peers and by the societies in which they live. When Dr. Goldwasser repairs the deformity, he improves their health and gives them a new sense of social

acceptance and dignity. He also shares these operating techniques with the host hospitals' medical staffs, so that they may serve similar families in need.

Dr. Goldwasser is a graduate of Duke University. He received a degree in dentistry from the University of North Carolina and a medical degree from Northwestern University. He joined Carle Clinic in 1978. He is currently medical director of the Carle Cleft Lip and Palate team and director of the Carle Foundation residency training program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. Goldwasser also serves as clinical professor of surgery for the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Goldwasser's initial mission trips were coordinated through Operation Rainbow, a not-for-profit organization based in Houston, Texas. For the last several years, however, he has assumed responsibility for mission-team planning and implementation from East Central Illinois. Dr. Goldwasser has been widely honored for his professionalism, compassion, energetic dedication to helping others, and his significant impact on the global community.



Dr. Goldwasser, Steve Carter, Champaign City Manager, and Champaign's Mayor Jerry Schweighart



Dr. Goldwasser, Ellie (daughter), and Laurie Goldwasser (wife).



Dr. Goldwasser and Donna Anderson, Adventure Travel



Urbana Adult Education Organization Award in Education



Through its caring support, Urbana Adult Education (UAE) creates ways to improve the quality of life for Champaign County's international residents, who often find it difficult to function in American culture.

The Urbana Adult Education staff is known community wide for giving compassion and respect to countless international students and their families. John Muirhead, UAE director for 26 years, is highly regarded by adult education directors and educators throughout Illinois. The UAE staff is dedicated to teaching life skills to adult learners and to finding financial resources to operate UAE programs. UAE receives support mainly from grant funds, although it is part of the Urbana School District 116.

UAE programs include:

- English Literacy/Civics, designed to teach non-English speakers how to

maneuver through everyday procedures that English speakers take for granted, such as establishing a bank account or enrolling a child in school;

- Many international students participated in the Community Education program, which offers a variety of leisure time activities;
- Project Even Start, a collaborative effort with Head Start, Champaign Unit 4 Schools, Urbana School District 116, and Parkland College, features child care with age-appropriate educational programming for the children of parents receiving adult education and English as a Second Language training; and
- Workplace Literacy, which provides basic literacy and work skills classes to employees of Carle Foundation and the University of Illinois.

The UAE facility houses a table of free clothing and household items for students to take as needed, and to which they may donate. UAE also serves a free Thanksgiving luncheon each year to its adult learners at the Urbana Civic Center.

UAE prides itself on serving this community and is committed to lifelong learning.



John Muirhead, Director of Urbana Adult Education, Steve Carter, Champaign City Manager, and Champaign's Mayor Jerry Schweighart



Hans Hock, UIUC - Professor of Linguistics and Sanskrit, John Muirhead, Director of Urbana Adult Education

Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Awards

2004



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