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2013 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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June 25, 2013

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Dear Community Member:

The Cities of Champaign and Urbana will be celebrating their 11th Annual Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Awards (CUIHA) Program. This event will be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 5:45 p.m. at I Hotel and Conference Center, 1900 S. First Street, Champaign.**

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; and
- to educate the public about the connections which exist between our local community and the global community.

Nominations are now being accepted for this prestigious award. We invite you to consider nominating an individual or organization whose 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. Nomination deadline has been extended to Monday, July 1, 2013.**

Attached please find the nomination form with information about eligibility and criteria for selection. You may also obtain the nomination form by visiting our website at www.ci.champaign.il.us. The Champaign Community Relations Office will retain nominations for five years. The decision of the selection committee is final. Please submit completed nominations to:

City of Champaign
c/o Community Relations Office
102 N. Neil Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Please plan to attend the Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Awards Ceremony and help honor the award recipients. Thank you for supporting this important humanitarian effort.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Gerard, Mayor
City of Champaign

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
City of Urbana

2013 Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Awards

Nomination Form

To nominate an individual or organization for a Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Award, please complete (type or print) and **return this nomination form to the City of Champaign by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013.**

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

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 _____

Selection Categories (mark one):

_____ **Agriculture:** Enhancement of the production of goods through the growing of plants, animals and other life forms; reduction of world hunger and advancement of international agriculture and rural development.

_____ **Hospitality:** Helping international students, guests, and visitors to our community feel welcome in, and interact with, our community.

_____ **Humanitarian Relief:** Promotion of human welfare; reduction or elimination of suffering and poverty, improvement of living conditions and preservation of human dignity through international initiatives.

_____ **Human Rights:** Protection, improvement or restoration of fundamental human dignity as expressed through the promotion of universal civil, political, social, cultural and economic rights through international initiatives.

_____ **Research/Education:** Obtaining and imparting of knowledge, positive judgment and well-developed wisdom to or about different aspects of the world, in order to facilitate international cooperation.

_____ **Trade and Business:** Initiation or enhancement of international voluntary exchange of goods, services, or both with consumers or corporate entities such as governments, charities or other businesses.

Selection Criteria 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's work inspired others?
- 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, etc.)

4. Previous recipients are not eligible for reconsideration.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013

SUBMIT NOMINATION MATERIALS TO:

**Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Award Nomination
City of Champaign
Community Relations Office
102 N. Neil Street
Champaign, IL 61820**

OR

SUBMIT IN PDF FORMAT TO: CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us

- Nomination Forms are available on the City of Champaign website:
<http://ci.champaign.il.us/departments/city-manager/community-relations-office/cuiha/>
- For additional information, contact the Community Relations Office at 217/403-8830 or via e-mail: **CommunityRelations@ci.champaign.il.us**

PAST RECIPIENTS:

2003

Dr. Michael Goldwasser, Humanitarian Relief
Urbana Adult Education, Education

2004

East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (ECIRMAC), Humanitarian Relief
Professor Rajmohan Gandhi, Human Rights
Father Tom Royer, Humanitarian Relief

2005

Bette van Es, Humanitarian Relief
First Presbyterian Church of Urbana, Humanitarian Relief
John W. Santas, Research & Education
Cosmopolitan Club at the University of Illinois, Hospitality
Ten Thousand Villages, Trade & Business

2006

Mel & Caroline Cramer Wagner, Hospitality
Kimiko Gunji, Research & Education
Lincoln Trail Libraries System – PolyTalk, Research & Education
Earl D. Kellogg, Humanitarian Relief
Champaign Rotary Club, Humanitarian Relief

2007

Asha for Education, Humanitarian Relief
Intercultural Friendship Foundation, Hospitality
Burton E. Swanson, Agriculture
Pallassana R. Balgopal, Human Rights
Eyamba G. Bokamba, Research & Education
Irfan S. Ahmad, Humanitarian Relief

2008

Mr. Mohammad Al-Heeti, Hospitality, Trade and Business
Dr. Paul McNamara, Research and Education
Professor Madhubalan Viswanathan, Research and Education
Champaign West Rotary Club, Humanitarian Relief

2009

Robert Nelson, Research and Education
Jeanette Weider, Hospitality
Jonathan Woods, Humanitarian Relief
Caring for Kenya, Humanitarian Relief
Engineers Without Borders – UIUC Chapter, Humanitarian Relief

2010

Benjamin & Severiana Mueller, Hospitality
Kathleen Robbins, Humanitarian Relief
Pakistani Graduate Students Association, Humanitarian Relief
The Salvation Army-Champaign Citadel Corps, Humanitarian Relief

2011

International Hospitality Committee, Hospitality
Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, Research/Education
Pastor Gary W. Grogan, Humanitarian Relief

2012

Eric Luedtke, Human Rights
Nianhua Wang, Research/Education
Scientific Animations Without Borders, Research/Education
Wuqu' Kawoq | Maya Health Alliance, Humanitarian Relief
(Dr. Malcolm Hill, Dr. Melinda Dabrowski, Dr. Tyrone Melvin, Dr. Jane Striegel)