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WELCOME REMARKS & AWARD CEREMONY

Elizabeth J. Clark, PhD, ACSW, MPH
President, NASW Foundation
Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

FareStart Restaurant
Seattle, Washington

The National Association of Social Workers Foundation (NASWF) is a charitable organization created to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through the advancement of social work practice.

Founded in 2001 as a 501(c)(3) organization affiliated with NASW, the Foundation's goals are to:

- Identify, develop and respond to social work policy and practice issues;
- Assist with rapid response to social crises;
- Support practice-based research, so that practice and research are directly linked;
- Raise the visibility of social work and enhance public esteem for the profession;
- Support the development of cutting edge continuing education that addresses critical issues; and
- Promote the appropriate application of new technology to the practice of social work.



WILLIAM C. BELL, MSW
Recipient, 2007 International
Rhoda G. Sarnat Award

William C. Bell has nearly 30 years of experience in the human services field. He became President and Chief Executive Officer of Casey Family Programs in January, 2006. Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation with a mission focused solely on providing and improving—and ultimately preventing the need for—foster care.

Prior to leading the foundation, he provided strategic direction to Casey Family Programs as its Executive Vice President of Child and Family Services in Casey's nine field offices in Arizona, California, Idaho, Texas, and Washington. Mr. Bell provided leadership to staff working directly with young people from the public child-welfare system to provide quality services in safe and stable families through foster care, kinship care, family reunification, guardianship, and adoption.

Before joining Casey, he served two and a half years as commissioner of the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS). There he managed child welfare services—including Child Protection, Foster Care, Child Abuse Prevention, Day Care, and Head Start—with a staff of more than 7,000 and a budget of about \$2.4 billion.

From 1996 to 2001, Mr. Bell served as deputy commissioner of ACS' Division of Child Protection. From 1994 to 1996, he served as deputy commissioner of Field Services and Contract Agency Case Management for the New York City Human Resources Administration. In the early nineties, Mr. Bell was associate executive director for Miracle Makers, the largest minority-owned, not-for-profit child and family services organization in New York.

Mr. Bell is a trustee for America's Promise, and he serves on the American Bar Association's Commission on Youth at Risk. He is also on the board of directors of the Association of Black Foundation Executives and the Marguerite Casey Foundation, and is co-chair of the board of directors of the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative.

He has served as a member of the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care; a member of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators' executive committee; and, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Council on Social Work Education.

His many awards and honors include the 2006 Lutheran Social Services of New York President's Award for leadership; the 2005 Valeria Bullard Black Administrator of the Year Award from the Black Administrators in Child Welfare; the 2004 Betsey R. Rosenbaum Award for Excellence in Public Child Welfare Administration from the National Association for Public Child Welfare Administrators; a 2003 inductee into the Hunter College Alumni Hall of Fame; and, the 2000 Child Welfare League of America Advocacy Merit Award for Outstanding Leadership in Children's Services.

Mr. Bell earned his master's degree in social work at Hunter College School of Social Work, where he is currently a doctoral candidate. He received his bachelor's degree in Biology and Behavioral Science from Delta State University.

INTERNATIONAL RHODA G. SARNAT RECIPIENTS:

1993	Dale A. Masi, PhD, LCSW-C, Washington, DC
1993	NASW Communications Network, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
1994	Gustavo Martinez, DSW, Fairfax, VA
1995	Nancy Cook von Bretzel, MSW, San Francisco, CA
1996	James Midgley, PhD, Baton Rouge, LA
1997	Richard Estes, DSW, ACSW, Philadelphia, PA
1998	Leon Ginsberg, PhD, Columbia, SC
1999	Barbara White, PhD, ACSW, Austin, TX
2000	Yakima Valley Farm Workers, Washington State
2002	Katherine Kendall, PhD, ACSW, Mitchellville, MD
2003	Friends of Chernobly Centers, U.S. Inc. (FOCCUS), WI
2004	Kathleen Borland, LCSW, ACSW, Chicago, IL
2005	Michael Cronin, PhD, MSSW, New York, NY
2006	Merl C. "Terry" Hokenstad, PhD, ACSW, Cleveland, OH

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INTERNATIONAL RHODA G. SARNAT AWARD

The International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award is given to an individual, group, or organization that has significantly advanced the public image of professional social work. This monetary prize is made possible from an endowment fund established by a generous contribution in 1996 from Mrs. Rhoda Sarnat, LCSW and her spouse, Bernard Sarnat, MD.

Rhoda G. Sarnat is a retired clinical social worker, former faculty member at the University of Southern

California Graduate School of Social Work, and a member of NASW who is committed to improving the public perception of professional social work.

The purpose of the Sarnat Award is to increase public awareness and recognition of the value of professional social work.

INTERNATIONAL RHODA G. SARNAT AWARD PANEL

Suzanne Dworak-Peck,
ACSW, LCSW, Chair

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MSW

Ann A. Abbott,
PhD, LCSW

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DSW

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Congratulations William Bell and Casey Family Programs

Millions of Americans are grappling with complex personal problems—illness or end-of-life decisions, depression or addiction, limited or confusing health care options, and countless other stressful issues confronting individuals and families.

Many of these challenges can be managed effectively with the help of social workers, who are uniquely educated and experienced to help guide people through complicated systems of care, and to help them find solutions.

But most Americans don't know that social workers are employed in many settings including schools and hospitals, the military, corporations, senior centers, mental health facilities, and private practices—and they don't know that social workers can help people in all stages of life from youth to aging, and in situations from adoption to hospice care.

The National Social Work Public Education Campaign was launched to increase awareness and understanding of the social work profession, and to encourage Americans to learn about, and benefit from, the important help and resources that social workers provide.

