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Social Work Month Gala 2003
Second Annual Social Work Month Gala
Honoring Our Nation’s Child Welfare Social Workers

Thursday, March 13, 2003

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6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
In 1984, President Ronald Reagan officially designated March as National Professional Social Work Month to honor the contributions made by our nation’s social workers. Since then, NASW coordinates a public service campaign every March to increase the public’s understanding of the social work profession and to promote critical social issues.

Over the years, these campaigns have reflected current issues and social problems, including children in poverty, homelessness, racial and ethnic harmony, equal employment, and health care. This year’s theme — The Power of Social Work: Preserving Rights. Strengthening Voices. — showcases the way social workers take action to prevent and eliminate injustice. Many people thinking, working and acting together — a basic tenet of social work practice — helps to empower those who are frequently unheard.

Tonight, we celebrate the unique contributions of our social work colleagues who protect and serve children and families through Child Welfare practice. Social workers, through assessment, support, counseling, resource coordination, and advocacy, help children and families to better cope with normal stresses of life and deal with problems of abuse and neglect. Mary Richmond — an early social work pioneer — knew that strengthening families and providing essential family supports should be a priority for the social work profession. Social workers in child welfare today build upon this legacy to secure the health and well-being of children and families.

Please join us in thanking these social workers for their outstanding commitment and congratulating them on their many accomplishments. We hope you enjoy the evening. Thank you for attending the second annual Social Work Month Gala.
WELCOME REMARKS

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SOCIAL WORK MONTH OVERVIEW

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Introduction by Ruth W. Mayden, MSS, LSW
Immediate Past President, NASW
Director, Program for Families with Young Children, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

Douglas W. Nelson
President, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

CLOSING REMARKS
Douglas W. Nelson is President of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and a member of its Board of Trustees. Prior to joining the Foundation in May of 1990, he was deputy director of the Center for the Study of Social Policy, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization specializing in policy research and analysis across a range of domestic issues including services to children and families. Before that he served as assistant secretary of the Wisconsin State Department of Health and Social Services. He is nationally known for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of family-centered, community-based responses to the needs of at-risk children and vulnerable families.

Nelson is vice-chair of the Board of Trustees of The Foundation Center in New York; co-chair of the Board of Trustees of the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, Inc.; a trustee of Safe and Sound – Baltimore’s Campaign for Children and Youth; a trustee of the Baltimore Community Foundation; a board member of East Baltimore Development, Inc.; a board member and former chair of the Living Cities; a member of the Board of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation; and a member of the Board of the National Academy on Aging. He also served as chair of the New York City Special Advisory Panel on Child Welfare; as U.S. Delegate to the 1998 World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth held in Lisbon, Portugal; as a member of the American Bar Association’s Commission on the Legal Problems of the Elderly; as a trustee of the Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Trust Fund; as a program advisor to the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation; and on numerous other organizations and commissions. In addition to frequent lectures and addresses, Nelson has written widely on a range of domestic social policy issues. His social history of the World War II relocation of Japanese Americans, entitled Heart Mountain, earned him a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 1976. His other published works include studies and essays on children and youth, aging, long-term care, and housing.

Nelson is a 1968 graduate of the University of Illinois, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He holds a master’s degree in history from the University of Wyoming, and he studied and taught social history at the University of Wisconsin.
The primary mission of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is to foster public policies, human service reforms and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today’s vulnerable children and families. Headquartered in Baltimore, the Foundation is the largest foundation in the nation dedicated solely to the needs of vulnerable children and families, with assets of more than $3 billion.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation was established in 1948 by Jim Casey, one of the founders of United Parcel Service, and his siblings, George, Harry, and Marguerite, who named the philanthropy in honor of their mother. The Foundation’s first grants provided support to a camp for disadvantaged children in Seattle, Washington, the home of the Casey family. When Jim Casey gave up his administrative responsibilities as chief executive officer of UPS in the 1960s, he turned his attention to sharpening the programmatic focus of the Foundation. In the course of his personal research with experts in the field of child welfare, he concluded that many troubled adults had grown up unhappily in foster care, often being bounced from one foster family to another.

In 1966 his interest in long-term foster care led him to establish the Casey Family Programs, now an independent operating foundation in Seattle. In 1976 a similar program was established in Connecticut as the direct operating unit of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Headquartered in Shelton, Casey Family Services now has eight operating divisions offering an array of foster care and other services in New England and Maryland.

With the death of Jim Casey in 1983 and the increased resources from his estate, the Foundation’s Board of Trustees began to explore opportunities to expand the Foundation’s work on behalf of disadvantaged children. The Trustees committed the Foundation to an ambitious mission: to help build better futures for millions of disadvantaged children who are at risk of poor educational, economic, social, and health outcomes.

To learn more about the Annie E. Casey Foundation and its programs, visit http://www.aecf.org/.

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The National Association of Social Workers Foundation 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 subsidiary of 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.

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Education, research and practice are the three most valuable tenets of the social work profession. The NASW Foundation currently administers national and local programs, each with its own unique history and mission. Foundation programs include doctoral fellowships, graduate school scholarships, chapter research grants, international programs, national awards, lectures and symposia, and special projects.

Fellowship & Scholarship Programs

The Jane Baerwald Aron Doctoral Fellowship Program provides partial support to doctoral students who are engaged in dissertation research in health care policy and practice. The fellowship program was established in 1987 as a tribute to Aron, who was a leader in health care policy and education.

The Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowship Program provides partial support to doctoral students who are engaged in dissertation research in welfare policy and practice. The fellowship program was established in 1987 as a tribute to Eileen Blackey, who was the dean of the University of California-Los Angeles School of Social Welfare and a pioneer in the planning and use of staff development programs in public welfare agencies and in the U.S. Veterans Administration.

The Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarships are awarded to master’s degree candidates in social work who are interested in working with American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino populations, or in public and voluntary nonprofit agency settings.

The Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a master’s degree candidate in social work who demonstrates an interest in, or has experience with, health/mental health practice and has a commitment to working in the African American community. Scholarship recipients now work in hospitals, medical clinics, and social services agencies that provide treatment and specialized services to African American patients.
The Knee/Wittman Awards recognize individuals and groups who are models of excellence and have made significant contributions in the field of health and mental health. The Knee/Wittman Awards were established to recognize those who represent the values, ethics and approaches exemplified by two dedicated social work pioneers, Ruth Knee, ACSW, and Milton Wittman, DSW. The Knee/Wittman Awards are non-monetary awards recognizing outstanding achievements.

The International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award is given to an individual, group, or organization for making a significant contribution to the public image of professional social work. This monetary prize is made possible through an endowment fund established by a generous contribution in 1993 from Dr. Bernard Sarnat and Mrs. Rhoda Sarnat, LCSW. The purpose of the Sarnat Award is to increase public awareness and recognition of the value of professional social work.

The Eileen Kelly International Social Work Program builds strong relationships with international social work colleagues and organizations. This program is a tribute to Eileen McGowan Kelly, a dedicated social worker and catalyst for NASW’s presence in the international social work arena.

Special Projects

The Disaster Preparedness Fund (which grew out of the 911 Fund: Social Workers’ Response) was established just days after the September 11, 2001, tragedy in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. It helps the Foundation fulfill a key component of its mission statement: to assist with rapid response to social crises. The goal is to prepare NASW to confront disasters, today and in the future.

The L.E.G.A.C.Y. Project was created in 2001 to preserve and promote NASW’s rich history. The goal is to develop a sustained strategy and hire a professional archivist to identify and preserve the photographs, books, papers, and other documents that will tell and re-tell the NASW story for decades to come.
The Ruth Fizdale Chapter Research Program underwrites research projects that link practice and policy issues with relevant social issues. The objective is to facilitate effective service delivery. NASW Chapters are able to conduct pilot research projects, which then may serve as cornerstones for developing more comprehensive research projects.

The Willard C. Wichers Ethics Education Program underwrites educational initiatives and presentations on social work ethics through symposia at NASW conferences and continuing education and training models for Chapters. The program has sponsored symposia addressing topics such as ethics and boundary issues and ethical issues and managed care.

Partners In Program Planning For Adolescent Health (PIPPAH) NASW has received its second five-year cooperative agreement with the Maternal Health Bureau of the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). This cooperative agreement will enable NASW to continue promoting adolescent health issues with NASW members as part of a larger multi-disciplinary effort.

HIV/AIDS Spectrum: Mental Health Training & Education of Social Workers Project NASW has received its third three-year contract (2001-2004) with the Center for Mental Health Services, a division of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. With this contract, NASW will continue to provide training, education and technical assistance to social workers dealing with the mental health issues of living with HIV/AIDS.

Practice Research Network The NASW Practice Research Network (PRN) seeks to expand the research knowledge base about social workers and social work practice. The PRN project conducts periodic surveys to gather data on social work practice. The results of the surveys of practitioners fill gaps in knowledge about identification, treatment and referral of substance-abusing clients who present for treatment in private practice and agency settings. Subsequent
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PRN initiatives will be tailored to capture information on critical social work services or policy issues.

The Bereavement Practice Guidelines for Social Workers in the Emergency Department Curriculum will be implemented again in the coming year with a contract awarded by the Health Resources Services Administration, Maternal and Child Bureau, and its Emergency Medical Services for Children Program. The curriculum was developed in FY 2000-2001 with funding from HRSA. The purpose of the curriculum is to prepare social workers in emergency rooms to assist families who experience the loss of a child because of an accident or illness. This contract will enable NASW to provide training in 15 NASW Chapters.

The NASW Foundation was also recently awarded the following grants: “Building Social Work Practice and Policy Competencies in End-of-Life Care” from Open Society Institute’s Project on Death in America Award; “Program in Trauma and Terrorism” from the Department of Health and Human Services; and “Barriers of Translating Oncology Research to Social Work Practice” from the National Cancer Institute.

The Carroll Kowal Memorial Program was established through various fundraising activities spearheaded by the New York City Chapter. Support from the Fund enables NASW’s New York City Chapter to award six cash grants to honor outstanding MSW graduates. Colleges and universities participate with the Chapters to assist in the selection process.

The Learning Springboard Project promotes school social work in San Francisco, California. Established in 2000, Learning Springboard is made possible by an endowment fund established by a generous contribution from Diana Ming Chan, MSW, her husband Clarence and son Dr. Harrison Leong. The purpose of the project is to ensure the employment of professional social workers in the San Francisco school system through salary support.

To make a tax-deductible contribution or for more information, please visit www.naswfoundation.org or contact the Foundation at 202-336-8298.
“Social workers use their collective power every day to strengthen our nation’s families, help individuals overcome adversity, and advocate for social change and justice.”

– Barbara A. Mikulski, Debbie Stabenow, Edolphus Towns, Barbara Lee, Ciro Rodriguez & Susan Davis
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