

THE GLEITSMAN FOUNDATION 2006 CITIZEN ACTIVIST AWARD FOR INSPIRED LEADERSHIP WILL BE PRESENTED IN A SPECIAL EVENT HOSTED BY DAVID GERGEN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S KENNEDY SCHOOL ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006

Gloria Steinem Will Also be Honored as Citizen Activist Extraordinaire

Los Angeles (March 6, 2006) - The Gleitsman Foundation, the nonprofit organization that recognizes and encourages social activism, will present its 2006 Citizen Activist Awards in a ceremony hosted by David Gergen, professor of public service at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and director of its Center for Public Leadership. Gergen is also editor-at-large for U.S. News & World Report and has served as a White House advisor to Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Clinton. The awards presentation will be held in the Allison Dining Room on the fifth floor of the Taubman Building at Harvard University's Kennedy School on Monday, April 3, 2006 beginning with a Reception at 5:30PM.

Alan Gleitsman, Foundation founder, announced today that the recipients of the 2006 Citizen Activist Award are:

Ron Grzywinski and Mary Houghton, co-founders of ShoreBank Corporation of Chicago, the first and leading community development and environmental banking corporation in the United States. Since 1973, ShoreBank has been committed to building vibrant communities within the inner city by providing financial services and information to create economic equity and a healthy environment. Shore Bank's efforts have inspired the worldwide community development banking community.

Julie Stewart, founder of Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), a national nonprofit organization which Stewart founded in 1991 to challenge inflexible and excessive penalties required by mandatory sentencing laws. Inspired by her brother, a non-violent, first-time drug offender who was sentenced to five years in a federal prison for growing marijuana, Stewart rallied for fairer sentencing laws. FAMM has paved the way for legislative sentencing reforms and judicial discretion in federal drug cases for over 435,000 drug defendants, ensuring that the punishment fits the crime.

Gloria Steinem will be also honored with a special award as Citizen Activist Extraordinaire. Steinem, whose name is synonymous with the Women's Movement, was a founder of the National Women's Political Caucus, the Women's Action Alliance and the Coalition of Labor Union Women. She was the founding editor of Ms. Magazine and is the author of "Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions" and "Revolution From Within". Steinem also serves on the Board of Judges of the Gleitsman Foundation for the Citizen Activist Award.

Says Gleitsman, "This year we have the honor of saluting four activists who have truly made this a better place in which to live. Ron, Mary, Julie and Gloria, working in widely divergent fields, are united in their vision of challenging injustice and in their

commitment and perseverance in overcoming the obstacles in their path. We salute their achievements in the hope that others will take courage from their success and will be inspired to follow their path."

The Gleitsman Foundation was established in 1989 by former business executive Alan L. Gleitsman. The Citizen Activist Award is designed to honor those who have challenged social injustice in the United States. It is presented in alternating years with the International Activist Award. In addition to Ms. Steinem, members of the Board of Judges include Pulitzer Prize-winning writer and psychiatrist Dr. Robert Coles, civil rights attorney Morris Dees Jr., environmental advocate Lois Gibbs, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) founder Candace Lightner and political activist and philanthropist Stanley K. Sheinbaum. Alan Gleitsman also serves on board.

Citizen Activist Award honorees share \$100,000 and each receives a specially commissioned sculpture designed by Maya Lin, creator of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC. Past recipients of the Citizen Activist Award include Ralph Nader, Wendy Kopp (Teach for America), actor Mike Farrell, Sophia Bracy Harris (Federation of Child Care Centers of Alabama), Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Karen Nussman (National Association of Working Women) and Tanya Tull (Beyond Shelter).

For more information on the Gleitsman Foundation and the Citizen Activist Award, visit their website at <http://www.gleitsman.org>

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