THE GLEITSMAN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVIST AWARD

Nomination Form for the Year 2009

"Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation."
--Robert F. Kennedy

The Gleitsman Program for Leadership in Social Change encourages individual commitment and leadership by recognizing the exceptional achievement of those who have initiated positive social change. We seek those individuals whose vision and courage inspire others to join with them in confronting and challenging injustice.

As we conduct our search for nominees for the 2009 Gleitsman International Activist Award, we invite you to advise us of those individuals whose efforts you feel should be recognized.

The 2009 Gleitsman International Activist Award will honor an activist who has struggled to correct social injustice in the world (domestic activists are the focus of our award in alternate years). The honoree will receive $125,000 and a specially commissioned sculpture designed by Maya Lin, creator of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC. The award is not presented posthumously, nor is it granted to groups or organizations.

Please complete this nomination form and forward it with supporting materials to us postmarked not later than April 17, 2009. The Honorees for the 2009 International Activist Award will be announced in the summer of 2009, and will be required to come to an award event in Cambridge, MA in early fall, 2009.

We thank you for helping us to reinforce the timeless message that one lone individual can not only inspire profound change, but can motivate others to make a positive difference as well. And in the above quoted words of Robert Kennedy, the sum of those individual acts will, hopefully, help to build a better life for all of us.

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Please either complete these fields online and mail supplemental materials to the address below, or mail your completed package to the address below.

Please note that electronic submissions are preferred. An electronic submission form can be found on-line at: www.hks.harvard.edu/leadership/gleitsman. If you are submitting an electronic nomination form, please still mail any supplemental materials to:

The Gleitsman Program for Leadership in Social Change
Center for Public Leadership
Harvard Kennedy School
79 John F. Kennedy Street
Mailbox # 124
Cambridge, MA 02138

All mailed documents must by postmarked by April 17, 2009.

Nominee_____

Organization_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Country_____

Zip/Postal Code_____

Telephone_____ Fax_____

Email_____

Website_____

Our Board of Judges will assess the merits of your nominee based on the materials which you provide and your responses to the questions below. It is essential that you submit all background information, including newspaper and magazine articles, letters of recommendation etc.

Please do not forward videos, DVDs, CDs, books or plastic-bound nomination materials.

Self nominations cannot be considered.

Please be sure to include the following information:

1. Describe what motivated your nominee to make a difference.
2. What steps did your nominee take to bring about change? How did he or she lead others as part of this process?
3. Describe the impact your nominee's actions have had on our lives.

Please list two references for your nominee. For each indicate:

Name_____ Affiliation_____

Telephone_____ Email_____

Name_____ Affiliation_____

Telephone_____ Email_____

How did you receive this nomination form? (Internet, email, HKS alumni newsletter, etc)

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You may list my name as an International Activist Award Nominator Yes____ No _____

Your Name_____

Affiliation_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Country_____

Zip/Postal Code_____

Telephone_____ Fax_____

Email_____ Website _____

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Past Recipients

1993

- Nelson Mandela, then African National Congress President
- Wei Jingsheng, advocate of democracy in China
- Posthumous Awards in memory of Helen Joseph and Petra Kelly

1995

- Jose Ramos-Horta, East Timor independence advocate
- Beate and Serge Klarsfeld, prominent Nazi hunters

1997

- Maria Adela Antokoletz, Argentinean founder of the Madres de Plaza de Mayo
- Muhammad Yunus, founder, Grameen Bank

1999

Advocates for reconciliation in the Middle East:

- Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), Yossi Beilin, Bassem Eid, Yitzhak Frankenthal, Galia Golan, Faisel Husseini, Terje Rod Larsen and Mona Juul, Ahmed Qurie (Abu Ala), Uri Savir and Stanley Sheinbaum, posthumous awards in memory of Anwar Sadat, Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein

2001

- Bernie Krisher, Creator of schools in Cambodia
- Martin Macwan, Advocate of Dalits ("Untouchables") Rights

2003

Leaders in the struggle against poverty:

- Fazle Abed, founder of BRAC (Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee)
- Jaya Arunachalam, founder of the Working Women's Forum
- Roman Imboden, visionary developer of the Multifunctional Platform
- Roy Prosterman, founder of the Rural Development Institute

2005

- Han Dongfang, international advocate of the worker's movement in China
- Patrick Alley, Charmian Gooch and Simon Taylor, founders of Global Witness

2007

- Sakena Yacoobi, executive director of the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL)