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New York State Right to Life Board Members Receive “Life Prizes”

“Life Prizes” is a Gerard Health Foundation program that awards outstanding efforts by those awakening the conscience of America to uphold and preserve the sanctity of human life through their leadership and advances in public advocacy, scientific research, public disclosure activities, legal action and other noteworthy achievements. 2009-2010 Award winners each received a \$100,000 stipend in Washington at an awards dinner on January 22nd, 2011. Congratulations to the below honorees who, we are proud to say, are members of the New York State Right to Life Committee board of directors.

Jeanne Head, R.N. spent 44 years as a nurse delivering babies at night and lobbying against abortion by day. Since abortion was made legal in New York in 1970, Ms. Head co-founded the Manhattan Right to Life Committee, Birthline Hotline and the Metropolitan Right to Life Foundation. She has held several positions with the New York State Right to Life Committee, Inc. She presently serves on our executive board as our delegate to National Right to Life, and as NRLC’s Vice President for International Affairs and Representative to the United Nations, where she also works on behalf of the International Right-to-Life Federation.

Ms. Head has been involved in landmark United Nations conferences on population and women’s rights in Cairo and Beijing respectively, working to stop establishment of abortion as a “fundamental human right” worldwide. Grateful for the stipend, her plans are to use it to help New York pro-life organizations whose opponents have millions of dollars to work with, some being our tax dollars.

Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network began as a result of the world watching a young woman with disabilities be deprived of food and water by order of a judge, ending in her tragic and inhumane death on March 31, 2005. Terri Schindler Schiavo’s family vowed to continue the fight for the right to life of vulnerable persons with disabilities, leading to the establishment of “Terri’s Network.” It has been a safe haven in the midst of the so-called “right to die” movement. More than 1,000 families have already been helped through the network of resources, support and medical facilities available for the medically-dependent.

Mr. Ruddy described Terri’s Network as a “godsend to those who have reached their weakest and most vulnerable hour... giving the precious gift of hope and protection.” Terri’s brother and co-founder of Terri’s Network, Bobby Schindler, with Terri’s mother and sister, Suzanne Vitadamo, accepted the award in memory of Terri and also on behalf of those served by the network. Bobby Schindler serves as the Vice-Chairman of the New York State Right to Life Committee Advisory Board, holding an at-large position on the full board of directors. Thanks to the award, the Life & Hope Network is eager and inspired to do even more to prevent involuntary euthanasia by starvation, dehydration and denial of medical treatment.

The New York State Right to Life Committee is grateful to God for the leadership provided by these and other ordinary people doing extraordinary things.