The 14th Annual World of Children Awards Ceremony was a smashing success! We met new supporters, raised additional funds and celebrated the work of our 2011 Honorees.

2011 World of Children Award Honorees and Co-Founders

Francis Fraenkel

Jim Gold, Alina Cho and designer Elie Tahari

Stephanie March and Bobby Flay

Harry and Laura Slatkin with Dee Ocleppo and Tommy Hilfiger

Roberta Flack School of Music Choir, Hyde Leadership Charter School, Bronx, NY

Football legend Dan Marino with Francis Fraenkel

World of Children Award Ambassador Advisory Board

Laura and Harry Slatkin

The Fraenkel Family
Your Support Gives Eduardo a Chance In Life

In 2010, you helped World of Children Humanitarian Award Honoree, Leonor Portela, build a Special Education Program for her organization serving orphans of Guatemala. In January, 2011, little Eduardo entered into the program after being diagnosed with both Down’s syndrome and Autism. He arrived at the center with known aggressive behaviors, unable to sleep at night, unable to eat on his own and still wearing diapers.

Upon entering the Misioneros Del Camino Special Education program, Eduardo began classes and Occupational/Sensorial and Speech therapies five days per week. Over the past year, he has made strong progress: He now eats on his own, his aggressive behaviors have disappeared and he can now follow simple instructions and perform simple tasks. His language skills have improved so much that he can now express what he both wants and needs. His posture and motor skills have improved and he is exhibiting a higher degree of self-confidence and independence. Eduardo is now able to use the restroom on his own, work within a classroom structure and interact with his peers and four siblings.

Thank you for continuing to help orphan children like Eduardo find confidence to thrive.

Big Hearts Mending Young Hearts

Beautiful little Anya was born with a genetic defect most commonly known as ‘Chernobyl Heart.’ Every year, over 6,000 children are born with heart defects in Ukraine as a result of the devastating Chernobyl disaster. Thanks to big hearted supporters like you, 2010 Health Award Honoree, Adi Roche was able to launch the World of Children Award Cardiac Mission in Kharkiv, Ukraine, in which a team of surgeons and volunteers were able to mend 40 young hearts, including Anya’s.

Adi’s organization, Chernobyl Children International, launched the World of Children Award Cardiac Mission on February 15, 2011 and during this two-week mission, 40 young lives were saved and thousands of more children will be treated as a result of the surgical training that took place.

Thank you for standing together with us to help heal young hearts in 2011.
Honoring our Inspirational 2011 Award Winners

Right now, five incredible individuals are changing the lives of vulnerable children around the world—thanks to your support. We are proud to introduce you to our 2011 World of Children Award Honorees and their gold standard programs serving children in true need.

**2011 Humanitarian Award Honoree, Denisse Pichardo,** has been combating child sex tourism in the Dominican Republic ever since she began studying the issue in the municipality of Boca Chica in 1994. She was instantly moved to action by what she saw: foreign tourists coming and going with local children, especially young girls, and extremely poor families forced to sell their children to preying tourists. To help, she established Caminante Proyecto Educativo (Caminante Educational Project), a nonprofit dedicated to empowering the most vulnerable youth in the sex tourism center of Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, as well as in neighboring Haiti and beyond. To date, Denisse's nonprofit has changed the lives of nearly 13,000 youth affected by sex tourism—preventing the sexual exploitation of children, reducing violence in their communities and rescuing and healing youth affected by prostitution and other traumas.

**2011 Health Award Honoree, Dr. Ashok Banskota,** is providing life-changing medical care to Nepal's most disadvantaged children. He has spent the past several decades volunteering his time and talents to mend the broken and improve the quality of life for the disabled children of Nepal. After training and earning his board certification in New York, Dr. Banskota returned to Nepal and was shocked by his country's lack of medical resources for the poor. In 1984, Dr. Banskota started a small program to help poor children with disabilities and has since grown it into what is now the Hospital and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled Children, a world-class center that provides surgery and rehabilitation for disabled Nepalese children who would otherwise be ostracized by society or even sold to circuses to live a short life of humiliation. HRDC treats children under seventeen for issues ranging from club foot, to burns to tuberculosis of the spine.

NOMINATIONS OPEN!

Know someone doing great work for children? Visit us online to find out whether or not they might be eligible to receive a 2012 World of Children Award!

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2011 Youth Award Honoree, Neha Gupta, has been empowering orphans in India ever since witnessing the stark reality of orphan life while visiting her grandparents there when she was nine. Realizing these orphans were neither receiving a proper education nor the love and guidance of a parent, she was moved to do more and founded Empower Orphans, which strives to help orphaned and underprivileged children gain a basic education and become productive members of society. Since then, Empower Orphans has served more than 10,000 orphans in India and the United States by establishing health clinics, libraries, computer labs and sewing centers and proving them with food, schooling, books, bicycles, clothing and other basic life necessities.

Neha Gupta with a few of the many orphans whose lives she has touched

2011 Youth Award Honoree, Tatiana Grossman, is leading exciting innovative change in African schools most devoid of teaching materials while providing classrooms with the latest in digital, solar-powered teaching materials. The desire to tackle illiteracy in Africa began at age 12, after finding out that 75 percent of children in some African countries could not read because they lacked books. After leading a solo book drive on the lawn of her community's children's library to collect thousands of books that now serve 62 schools and villages in Botswana and Lesotho, she soon founded her own nonprofit organization to increase early literacy around the world. Now Spread the Words is helping children create school libraries in impoverished communities, supporting the libraries they’ve started, and bringing digital curriculum and textbooks to schools that urgently need them.

2011 Youth Award Honoree, Luke Lancaster, is inspiring bullied youth in the UK to overcome adversity and lead change. Luke founded his organization, Young Pioneers, at age 12 after being continuously bullied at school. This experience led him to notice that many other students were like him – struggling to succeed in school and life, and yet still wanting to make a positive difference in the world. Inspired to find a solution, Luke created a youth-led organization whose goal is to “make it cool to care.” Young Pioneers’ research found that 83 percent of young people today would rather ask a friend for advice than an adult, parent or teacher. In response, Young Pioneers has created a training program for youth called, “Tomorrow’s Leaders” to equip young people with the tools and abilities necessary to be a catalyst for change in their own lives, as well as in their schools and communities. Young Pioneers is now building on its success by expanding from the UK into France, Germany, the Netherlands and the US.

2012 World of Children Award Advisory Council

The World of Children Award is fortunate to welcome a group of highly accomplished advocates who have joined the organization as a newly formed council of special advisors. The Council’s role is to offer fresh perspective, sound advice and keen insights and we are delighted to welcome this stalwart group to the planning and visioning efforts for the World of Children Award.

❖ Alina Cho, CNN National Correspondent and World of Children Award Master of Ceremonies
❖ Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor, The City University of New York
❖ Jerry Gramaglia, Private Investor/Advisor
❖ Leon Harris, ABC News Anchor
❖ Craig Kielburger, Founder, Free the Children, 2002 World of Children Youth Award Honoree
❖ Kathleen Magee, Co-Founder & President, Operation Smile, 1999 World of Children Award Honoree
❖ Anthony E. Meyer, Principal, Meyer and Co. LLC, President, Ocean Road Advisors, Inc.
❖ John E. Pepper, Jr., Chairman of the Board, The Walt Disney Company
Global Outreach Soars Through U.S. Fund for UNICEF and Glamour Partnership

Partnering with leaders from the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and Glamour Magazine, the World of Children Award recently aired a live online broadcast that welcomed thousands of people interested in child advocacy to participate in an inspirational conversation with World of Children Award Honorees.

On November 1, seven World of Children Award Winners gathered in New York for an online broadcast and discussion hosted by Lynn Stratford, the Senior Vice President of Program and Strategic Partnerships for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

Glamour Health Editor Wendy Naugle was the event Moderator, inviting each Honoree to engage the global audience with gripping stories of what it really means to be helping vulnerable children, every day, all around the world.

Nearly 500,000 media impressions were created through the networks of blogs and organizations that helped to promote the broadcast, including UNICEF and Glamour.

“We are thrilled to use the social web to connect more people with these amazing heroes who inspire us to take action in our own communities,” said Jenn Merket, Online Marketing Manager for the World of Children Award, who organized the event. “Technology helps us to more effectively collaborate, and this collaboration will inspire changemakers to create real change for children in new and innovative ways.” To watch a rebroadcast of this event, visit www.worldofchildren.org/honorees/344

“At the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, we know that every day 21,000 children die from preventable causes. We believe that number should be zero, and we know we are in fantastic company with those who share in that belief. …we are so glad to be a part of this incredible event.”

– Lynn Stratford, the Senior Vice President of Program and Strategic Partnerships for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF & Changemakers for Children Event Host
News Outlets Spotlight Real World Heroes

The World of Children Award team was thrilled when CNN National Correspondent Alina Cho invited 16 year old Tatiana Grossman to be interviewed live on her national news show - CNN Sunday Morning.

“Our Awards program searches out truly extraordinary individuals all around the world,” said Co-Founder Harry Leibowitz. “We are pleased that leading news media are interested in reporting on the inspirational personal stories of our Honorees and that they frequently develop features about their humanitarian work.”

World of Children Award Honorees are fascinating individuals who are actively engaged in social change so media outlets are captivated by their authentic, real world stories. The 2011 World of Children Awards were covered by CNN, Christian Science Monitor, TIME for Kids, New York Post – Page Six, Glamour Magazine, NBC Bay Area, Denver Post, Philadelphia Enquirer, the Huffington Post, KCBS Radio and Women’s Wear Daily, to name just a few.

“We want to be sure we not only fund the important work of our Honorees,” said Co-Founder Kay Isaacson-Leibowitz, “we want to be sure their accomplishments attract the world’s interest too so that our grant funds are leveraged by others, enabling even more good work for children.”

The World of Children Award is delighted to learn that soon after 2011 Honoree Neha Gupta was named a World of Children Award Honoree, she was honored with the ‘All Star World Changer Award’ presented by Free the Children and the NHL. The World of Children Award clearly elevates Honorees attracting more press, more funding, and more strategic partnerships that help advance their vital work.

Co-Founder, Harry Leibowtiz, Featured in New Book on Humanitarian Leadership

Harry Leibowitz, Co-Founder of the World of Children Award, is profiled in a new book that explores an intriguing question: How do seemingly ordinary people become humanitarian leaders who make a positive and often lasting impact on the lives of those in need? To find out, best-selling authors Frank LaFasto, Ph.D., and Carl Larson, Ph.D., studied 31 individuals—14 of whom are World of Children Award Honorees—from a range of nations, cultures, and generations. The authors share their insights, along with the stories of Harry and the other leaders, in The Humanitarian Leader in Each of Us: 7 Choices That Shape a Socially Responsible Life. To learn more or to purchase your own copy, visit www.sagepub.com and search the title of the book.