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**NATIONAL CARING AWARD WINNERS
NAMED BY SENATOR DOLE**

2004 Award Winners to be Inducted into
Hall of Fame for Caring Americans

WASHINGTON, DC -- Former Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole, Chairman of the Caring Institute's Board of Trustees, announced the Institute's selection of the most caring men and women in America.

Six remarkable youths and eight adults will be honored during an induction ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on November 15, 2004 at the Frederick Douglass Museum & Hall of Fame for Caring Americans on Capitol Hill (located at 320 A Street, N.E. in Washington, D.C.). The winners will receive their awards at the official National Caring Awards ceremony at 7:30 p.m. on November 15, 2004 at the Ronald Reagan Building (located at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. in Washington D.C.).

"It is an honor for me to join in paying tribute to these wonderful people and their organizations that have worked hard to make life better for others. They represent the very best of American values," said Senator Dole.

The Caring Institute's mission is to promote the values of caring, integrity and public service. It was inspired by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who suggested identifying exemplary individuals and holding them up as role models to be emulated by others. The 2004 adult Caring Award winners are:

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Senator Dole Names National Caring Award Winners... add one

- Ako Abdul-Samad – Founder, Creative Visions, Des Moines, IA
- Jim Silcock and Ann Belles – Parents of 31 adopted children with disabilities, Huntington Beach, CA
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The 2004 Young Adult Caring Award winners are:

- Daniel Cayce, 16 – Organizer, blanket, food and house ware drives for the needy, Thornton, AR
- Brittany Clifford, 14 – Founder and President, The Fuzzy Feet Foundation, Scottsdale, AZ
- Jhordan Logan, 13 – Founder, Read it Again, New Castle, IN
- Meghan Pasricha, 18 – Founder and President, The Anti-Tobacco Action Club (ATAC), Hockessin, DE
- Robyn Strumpf, 18 – Founder, Project Books and Blankies, Northridge, CA
- Thea Leopoulos – (Posthumous), The Thea Foundation, Little Rock, AR

The Caring Institute, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, was founded in 1985 by Val J. Halamandaris as a result of his first meeting with Mother Teresa. The Institute operates the Hall of Fame for Caring Americans, located in the first Washington, DC home (now a museum), of the human rights advocate, Frederick Douglass. Caring Award winners are inducted into the Hall of Fame, located three blocks east of the U.S. Capitol, at 320 A Street, NE, Washington, DC.

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