

## *The Spirit of Anne Frank Awards 1999 winners*

### **THE ROBERT GIPSON**

#### *1999 Outstanding Youth Award*

AKLIMA HUSSAIN is a graduate of Law, Government and Community Service Magnet High School. Aklima moved to New York City from her native Guyana four years ago and found herself in an American high school. Overcoming tremendous cultural differences, Aklima embodies the spirit of Anne Frank through her perseverance in the face of difficult challenges. She has been a member of the Queens District Attorney Explorer's Club, the Stock Market Club and Journalism Explorers Club. Aklima is a national winner for the All American Scholar, the Urban League, and was a member of Constitution Workers. She is an intern in the Education office of the United Nations and she intends to become a lawyer.

### **THE JUDY VALE**

#### *1999 Outstanding Youth Award*

RAED ISSA was instrumental in the planning and development of the fourth annual Violence Awareness Prevention Day at his high school. He has presented workshops about relationship violence at v.a.p.d., at the Borough-Wide Peace Summit, and at the Third Annual Citywide Youth Leadership Conference at John Jay College. Raed has become a trained mediator and is part of the conflict resolution program at Herbert H. Lehman High School. He is also on the planning committee for Students Against Gun Violence Pledge Campaign.

### **THE JACOB DEKKER**

#### *1999 Outstanding Youth Award*

JERRAY JORDAN commitment to teaching tolerance has taken him from New York to Washington to Europe. He has used the Susan Wagner H.S. Conflict Resolution Program and the Anti-Defamation League's "A World of Difference Institute" as a platform to reach others. He has personally conducted over 25 workshops and moderated three televised workshops dealing with issues of bias, discrimination and tolerance. Jerray is a passionate and caring young man who has overcome family hardships including the loss of both parents, and has managed to stay focused towards his goals. He is also a Peer Mediation Specialist certified by the NYC Board of Education. Jerray has also been recognized by the National Conference for Leadership in the field of Anti-Bias Education.

### **THE FRANK AND EMILY ULLMAN**

#### *1999 Outstanding Educator Award*

GEORGE ANTHONY is a Conflict Resolution Specialist at Susan E. Wagner High School. A product of the New York City School System, George has created and organized numerous violence prevention initiatives. His classroom presentations and Conflict Resolution program in partnership with the ADL's "A World of Difference Institute" has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as "a model program" to be copied and implemented city-wide. George has worked towards creating an atmosphere that celebrates diversity and tolerance. He firmly believes in building the self-esteem of young people and empowering them with tools to effectively communicate tolerance and respect for all people.

## THE JACOB DEKKER

### *1999 Outstanding Educator Award*

CAROLE ARTIGIANI NICHOLS is the Founder and Executive Director of Global Kids, Inc. (GK), an educational organization dedicated to preparing urban public school youth to become community leaders and global citizens. GK is a non-governmental organization affiliated with the United Nations that collaborates with organizations and institutions worldwide to involve economically disadvantaged youth in addressing such issues as sustainable development, intergroup conflict, urban poverty, and human rights. Ms. Nichols is the author of a monograph, *Votes and More for Women* (1983), and articles and book reviews in the *Journal of American History*, and the *Oral History Review*.

## JOHN PORTER

### *1999 Outstanding Citizen Award*

FRANCINE DAVIS has been involved in the field of education since 1965 and considers her more than 30 years of dedicated service a vocation. It has always been her educational philosophy to teach the whole child, not only servicing their educational needs, but administering to their emotional needs as well. She has spearheaded innumerable programs that strive to end racism, prejudice and biased-related violence through education. It is her strong belief that education can heal the wounds ignorance has created. Francine has traveled to the remote village of Chacresca, Nicaragua volunteering her time in any capacity where there is need. She may be found in the classroom, in the fields, digging wells, or building and repairing schools. Francine attributes all that she is to the lessons learned in her youth and as a young adult from her mother Julia Quiones.

## JACK AND INA POLAK

### *1999 Outstanding Citizen Award*

CLAUDETTE C. FAISON has worked as a youth service professional for the past two decades. She started working in 1977 serving the runaway homeless youth population nationally and internationally. She is President and Executive Director of New York Youth At Risk, Inc. (NYYAR). NYYAR is frequently described as being on the cutting edge of leadership and community building.

### *1999 Outstanding Community Leader Award*

LINDA ELLERBEE is an award winning television producer, best-selling author, syndicated columnist and one of the most sought after speakers in the country. Ellerbee has earned a reputation as a highly respected and outspoken journalist. Her production company, Lucky Duck Productions, has spent nearly a decade producing award-winning programs for network, syndication, cable and public television. Lucky Duck produces a news program for kids, (Nick News), and has also produced a variety of hour-long news specials on issues including breast cancer, unsafe sexual practices of teenagers, contraception and abortion. Ellerbee has received all of television's highest honors, including several Emmy, Peabody, CableAce and Columbia duPont Awards.

### *1999 Outstanding Community Leader Award*

TONY RANDALL, an Emmy Award winning actor is probably best known for his role as Felix in *The Odd Couple*. However, in 1991 he launched The National Actors Theatre. This not-for-profit subscription based company was formed to bring the great classical repertoire of the world with the finest actors, to a theatre that is within reach of all. NAT has established an educational department that provides workshops for students in NYC school. These free workshops and productions prepare students to see and understand a Broadway show. For over two decades, he has been the national chairman of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation for which he is a tireless worker. A man of many opinions, Randall says, "There's only one thing worse than a man who doesn't have strong likes and dislikes, and that's a man who has strong likes and dislikes without the courage to voice them."

### *1999 Outstanding Business Leader Award*

WILLIAM F. MAY was the Dean of New York University Faculty of Business Administration and Dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration from 1980 to 1984. Before joining NYU, May worked for 42 years for the American Can company. During his career there, he rose from the ranks to become its chairman and chief executive officer, a position he held for 15 years. Mr. May currently serves as the chairman of the Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation.

### *1999 Lifetime Humanitarian Award for Philanthropic Service*

VERA LIST was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 1996 by President Clinton to honor her contributions to culture and the arts. In 1923, when Vera List was fifteen, she and her mother spent a year and a half in Europe, traveling to Berlin and Riga, where her grandfather and uncles had bookstores. She was never to see them again. They perished after Riga was occupied by Hitler's troops in World War II. "When I hear five million, six million," she says, "I think Uncle Boris...Uncle David...Uncle Sasha...." In the early fifties, Mr. and Mrs. List set up the Albert A. List Foundation