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Kiwanis International names 2010 World Service Medal recipient

Sleeping Children Around the World honored for their tireless efforts in developing countries

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Kiwanis International recently named Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) as its 2010 World Service Medal recipient. SCAW was honored for ensuring that more than 1 million children have a comfortable night's sleep

The Kiwanis World Service Medal, established in 1985, recognizes individuals who devote a significant part of their lives to meeting the needs of others.

"Sleeping Children is thrilled to be acknowledged by Kiwanis International," said SCAW Chairman Dave Dryden. Dyrden's parents Murray and Margaret Dryden founded SCAW in 1970. Their dream was a world where every child has a bed to rest their head at night. Donations provide bed kits to children wherever they're needed—typically in underdeveloped and developing countries. To date, the organization has raised more than $23 million to provide bedkits for children in 33 countries.

The World Service Medal honors inspiring examples of individuals who have recognized a need and taken personal action to meet that need. One medal is awarded each year and the Kiwanis International Foundation adds a US$10,000 grant to assist the honoree in furthering his or her service work. Previous winners have included Mother Teresa, actors and humanitarians Sir Roger Moore and Audrey Hepburn, and First Ladies Nancy Reagan and Rosalynn Carter.

About Kiwanis International

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for college students, Key Club for teens, Builders Club for adolescents, K-Kids for elementary students and Aktion Club for adults with disabilities, dedicate more than 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children annually. The Kiwanis International family comprises 586,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas. For more information about Kiwanis International, please visit www.kiwanis.org.