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SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

1987

Awards Luncheon Agenda

The J.M. Foundation

The J.M. Foundation 1987 National Awards for Excellence in Vocational Programs

1987 Awards Luncheon

Co-hosted by

The J.M. Foundation
New York, New York

and

The Dole Foundation
for Employment of People with Disabilities
Washington, D.C.

12:00 noon - December 10, 1987

Sheraton Grand Hotel
East Ballroom
525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.



INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah Milbank, Jr.
President
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ADDRESS

Senator Bob Dole
Chairman
The Dole Foundation for
Employment of People with
Disabilities



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Senator Bob Dole
Jeremiah Milbank, Jr.

Community-Based Work Adjustment

Winner: Vocational Guidance Services
Cleveland, Ohio

Finalists: Goodwill Industries of Kentucky
Louisville, Kentucky
Goodwill Industries of New Jersey, Inc.
Harrison, New Jersey

Consortium-Based Transition

Winner: Rural Minnesota CEP, Inc.
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Finalist: ICD-International Center for the Disabled
New York, New York

Supported Work in Small Communities

Winner: Washington County Mental Health
Services, Inc.
Barre, Vermont

Finalists: PACE Training and Evaluation Center, Inc.
Star City, West Virginia
Washington County Vocational Workshop
Nashville, Illinois

Work Services for the Severely Disabled

Winner: Goodwill Industries of
Colorado Springs, Inc.
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Finalists: McHenry County Association
for the Retarded
McHenry, Illinois
Napa Valley P.S.I., Inc.
Napa, California

2:00 PM Adjournment, Informal Reception

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
J.M. FOUNDATION "SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE"
DECEMBER 10, 1987

THANK YOU JERRY. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO
KNOW THE HISTORY OF REHABILITATION IN AMERICA,
YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO SHARE THE
PODIUM WITH JERRY MILBANK.



THE MILBANK FAMILY PIONEERED THE CONCEPT OF
INTEGRATED REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR THE
DISABLED WITH THE NATION'S FIRST PRIVATE FACILITY
BACK IN 1917. THAT TRADITION CONTINUES TODAY IN
THE J.M. FOUNDATION "SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE."

THE FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL AWARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE ARE UNIQUE: FOR THE FIRST TIME,
PROGRAMMATIC EXCELLENCE IS BEING MEASURED BY
COMPUTER TO HELP GUARANTEE AN OBJECTIVE
REVIEW. WINNERS ARE THEN SELECTED BY JUDGES
WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN THE FIELD
OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.



AS JERRY PROMISED, THERE WILL BE NO LONG
SPEECHES TODAY. BUT THERE IS ONE ISSUE THAT IS
PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ME, SO ON BEHALF OF
THE J.M. FOUNDATION --AND THE DOLE FOUNDATION
FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES--I'D
LIKE TO MAKE A FEW BRIEF, CRITICAL POINTS.



FIRST, THIS COUNTRY NEEDS TO DO A MUCH
BETTER JOB INTEGRATING INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES INTO MAINSTREAM AMERICA. LAST YEAR,
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HANDICAPPED
CONDUCTED A LANDMARK STUDY THAT PRODUCED
SOME STARTLING RESULTS: TWO-THIRDS OF ALL
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES, BETWEEN THE AGES OF
16 AND 64, ARE NOT WORKING.




THAT MEANS THERE ARE EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION
PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE READY, WILLING
AND ABLE TO WORK, BUT NEED HELP TO FIND
EMPLOYMENT. INDEED, THE REPORT'S MAJOR FINDING
IS THAT "NOT WORKING" IS PERHAPS THE TRUEST
DEFINITION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE DISABLED.

WE MUST DO BETTER, AND IN MY VIEW, THE
VOCATIONAL FACILITIES REPRESENTED HERE TODAY
WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN TURNING THOSE STATISTICS
AROUND.



DATA FROM LAST YEAR'S "SEARCH FOR
EXCELLENCE" PROGRAM INDICATES THAT THERE ARE A
NUMBER OF EXCELLENT VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS
WHICH PRODUCE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS AT A
REASONABLE COST.

AS ONE WHO CALLS THE FEDERAL DEFICIT "PUBLIC
ENEMY #1", I CAN TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR
VOCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS ~~TO~~ LEARN FROM THE
EXCELLENT PROGRAMS HERE TODAY.



MORE THAN EVER, LOCAL COMMUNITIES -- ALONG
WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR -- ARE
CHALLENGING SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SERVE THOSE
MOST IN NEED; TO OBTAIN MORE BENEFITS FOR
CLIENTS; AND TO HOLD THE LINE ON INCREASED COSTS.

FINALLY, EACH OF US--WHETHER WE'RE SERVICE
PROVIDERS, FUNDERS, TAXPAYERS, PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES, EDUCATORS, OR PUBLIC SERVANTS--WE
MUST ANSWER THE "SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE
CHALLENGE:" WE MUST DEMAND THE VERY BEST FROM
OURSELVES, AS WELL AS THOSE WE WISH TO SERVE.



ONE ORGANIZATION THAT IS DOING ITS BEST TO
HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IS THE DOLE
FOUNDATION. WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS PRESIDENT
AND CEO, JACKIE STRANGE, THE DOLE FOUNDATION HAS
AWARDED ALMOST TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS
OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT
PROVIDE JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT FOR PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES.



JERRY, WE ARE PROUD OF THIS RECORD OF
ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE J.M.
FOUNDATION FOR THE MARVELOUS WORK IT IS DOING
TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE DISABLED.

THANK YOU!

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK JERRY MILBANK TO JOIN
ME IN PRESENTING THE "SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE"
AWARDS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS AND FINALISTS.

(MILBANK JOINS YOU AT PODIUM)



THERE ARE FOUR CATEGORIES OF PROGRAMS IN
THIS YEAR'S "SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE:"

1) COMMUNITY-BASED WORK ADJUSTMENT:

2) CONSORTIUM-BASED TRANSITION;

3) SUPPORTED WORK IN SMALL

COMMUNITIES: AND,

4) WORK SERVICES FOR THE SEVERELY

DISABLED.



AS I ANNOUNCE THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE
FINALISTS AND WINNERS, WILL REPRESENTATIVES FROM
EACH FACILITY PLEASE COME FORWARD TO ACCEPT
YOUR AWARDS.

FIRST, THE FINALISTS FOR "COMMUNITY-BASED
WORK ADJUSTMENT" :

— *GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF KENTUCKY,
LOCATED IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

AND ANOTHER GOODWILL FACILITY...

— *GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF NEW JERSEY,
LOCATED IN HARRISON, NEW JERSEY.



NOW, WHILE THE FINALISTS ARE COMING FORWARD,
LET ME ANNOUNCE THE WINNER IN COMMUNITY-BASED
WORK ADJUSTMENT -- THE RECIPIENT OF A \$20,000 J.M.
FOUNDATION CHECK, IN ADDITION TO A UNIQUE AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE:

 *VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE SERVICES OF
CLEVELAND, OHIO

(PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH
FINALIST/WINNER AND MILBANK)



NEXT, IN THE CATEGORY OF "CONSORTIUM-BASED
TRANSITION", WHICH ARE PROGRAMS HELPING
SCHOOL-AGED YOUTHS FIND CAREERS, THE FINALIST IS:

— *THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE
DISABLED, WHICH IS LOCATED IN NEW YORK CITY.

AND THE WINNER, WHO ALSO RECEIVES A \$20,000
J.M. FOUNDATION CHECK, IN ADDITION TO THE "SEARCH"
AWARD IS:

— *RURAL MINNESOTA, C.E.P., INCORPORATED
OF DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA.

(PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH FINALIST/WINNER AND
MILBANK)



IN THE CATEGORY OF "SUPPORTED WORK IN SMALL
COMMUNITIES", THE FINALISTS ARE:

 *PACE TRAINING AND EVALUATION CENTER
OF STARR CITY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND

 *WASHINGTON COUNTY VOCATIONAL
WORKSHOP IN NASHVILLE, ILLINOIS.

THE WINNER AND CHECK RECIPIENT IN THIS
CATEGORY IS:

 *WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES OF BERRY, VERMONT.

(PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH FINALISTS/WINNER AND
MILBANK)



FINALLY, IN THE CATEGORY OF "WORK SERVICES
FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED" THE FINALISTS ARE:

—— *McHENRY COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE
RETARDED IN McHENRY, ILLINOIS, AND

—— *NAPA VALLEY P.S.I. INCORPORATED
LOCATED IN NAPA, CALIFORNIA.

THE WINNER AND \$20,000 CHECK RECIPIENT IN THIS
CATEGORY IS:

—— *GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF COLORADO
SPRINGS, COLORADO.



(PHOTO OPP. WITH FINALISTS WINNERS AND
MILBANK)

LET'S HAVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE
PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN IN AMERICA'S FINEST
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

(TURN PODIUM OVER TO JERRY MILBANK, AND
REMAIN STANDING AS GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH FOUR
WINNERS AND JERRY MILBANK, JACK BRAUNTUCH, AND
JACKIE STRANGE IS TAKEN).

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DECEMBER 9, 1987

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: JACKIE A. STRANGE
SUBJECT: J. M. FOUNDATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

Attached is the text of your remarks for the J. M. Foundation Luncheon at 12:10 on December 10 in the East Ballroom of the Sheraton Grand-Capitol Hill. Following is a brief run-through of the luncheon:

12:10 - 12:12pm Jerry Milbank introduction of Sen. Dole
12:12 - 12:27pm Senator Dole's remarks
and award presentation
12:27 - 12:30pm Group picture with winners and farewell

The program is structured to allow you to leave immediately after the award presentation and pictures. Obviously, you are free to stay as long as you like. Following the award presentation, Jerry Milbank will recognize the judges, and other people who assisted in the "Search for Excellence."

If you have any questions, please contact me.