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# THE MARSHALL LEGACY INSTITUTE

Removing Landmines, Promoting Stability

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### FACT SHEET

**WHAT:** The Marshall Legacy Institute (MLI) will celebrate its 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and again host an awards dinner to recognize leaders whose extraordinary efforts have improved lives in landmine-affected countries. This delightful, informative evening will highlight accomplishments of the past year, including successes in the Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program, the CHildren Against Mines Programs (CHAMPS) and survivors' assistance programs. The gala will feature a hero dog team that will demonstrate how man's best friend "sniffs out" landmines to make the world a safer and better place for all people and animals.

**HONOREES:** The Fantomi Sitting Volleyball Team, Survivors' Assistance Award  
TBD, MDD Team of the Year  
TBD, Joan Wismer CHAMPS Award  
TBD, Humanitarian Award

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 4, 2011

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fairmont Hotel, Washington D.C.

**EMCEE:** TBD

**ENTERTAINMENT:** TBD

### **PAST HONOREES:**

BAE Systems (2010 Corporate Award)  
Anthony Lake (2010 Humanitarian Award)  
Susan Hollier (2010 CHAMPS Award)  
Raytheon (2009 Corporate Award)  
Rep. James Moran (D-VA) (2009 Public Policy Award)  
Kirstin Parkinson (2009 CHAMPS Award)  
Reps. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) & John Murtha (D-PA) (2008 Public Policy Award)  
General Dynamics (2008 Corporate Award)  
Vermont Girl Scout Troops 125&820 (2008 CHAMPS Awards)  
General Gordon R. Sullivan (2007 MLI Founder's Award)  
Geoffrey and Elizabeth Parkinson (2007 Community Service Award)  
Joan Wismer (2007 CHAMPS Patron Award)  
Patricia Praytor (2007 CHAMPS Teacher of the Year Award)  
Alexis Keslinke and Apollo Jr. High School (2006 CHAMPS Award)  
Senator Tom Harkin (2006 Public Policy Award)  
Mladen Blazevic and Sasa (2006 MDD Team of the Year)  
Mrs. Diana Enzi (2005 Community Service Award)  
Dr. Kenneth R. Rutherford (2005 Survivors' Assistance Award)  
Senators Chuck Hagel and Patrick Leahy (2002 Public Policy Award)  
Her Majesty Queen Noor al-Hussein (International Award)

The Marshall Legacy Institute is a nonprofit organization that was founded to restore hope, alleviate suffering, and nurture stability in war-torn countries. MLI helps nations establish sustainable programs to rid their soil of the scourge of landmines. Major projects include the Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP), the CHildren Against Mines Program (CHAMPS), and the Survivors' Assistance programs. In just the past 12 months, we have donated 13 lifesaving dogs to Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq and Lebanon. These valuable canines with their brave local handlers, along with MLI's other actively working dogs, searched and cleared nearly 2 million square meters of mine-contaminated land. We currently have 22 more MDDs in training for work in Afghanistan, Angola and Sri Lanka. Over the past year, we also provided medical assistance & vocational training to dozens of landmine survivors, and we engaged thousands of American youth with students in beneficiary countries to help children who have been injured by landmines.