

THE SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

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Welcome to our New Newsletter

The Samuel Huntington Fund was established in 1989 to honor the memory of Sam Huntington, former CEO of the New England Electric System that later merged with National Grid. Sam was deeply committed to public service. Following his graduation from college and before attending law school, he spent two years teaching in Nigeria.

Since its inception, the Foundation has sponsored 46 public service projects in 20 countries and 18 U.S.

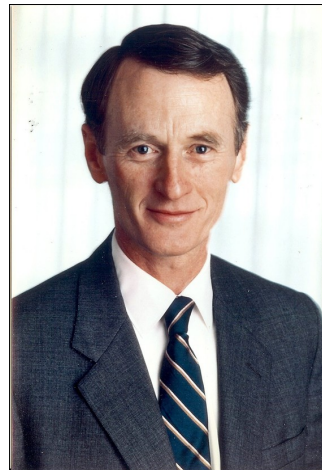
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Through this Newsletter we aim to keep our sup-

porters current on the activities of the Foundation and the good works that the previous award winners have accomplished.

By way of background, typically two outstanding college seniors are selected from as many as 100 applicants to receive \$10,000 awards to spend a year serving the neediest in America and/or abroad. Award winners are required to submit mid-year and final reports, which are reviewed closely by the Board.

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Samuel Huntington
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2010 Finalists Selected

A total of 61 public service proposals were submitted for funding by the February 15, 2010 deadline. Three members of the Committee reviewed each of these. Thirteen semifinalists were then reviewed by the full committee. In late March, the committee met and went

through the very difficult process of selecting six finalists that will each be invited for an interview. The semifinalists have proposed a range of public service projects that address a broad array of social issues including: malnutrition in Nepal; public health issues in Bolivia and

Guatemala; water supply issues in Mali; solar energy infrastructure in Palestine, and micro-finance in Kenya. This year's award winners will be announced in the summer and their projects will be described in detail in our next newsletter.

Reports from 2009 Winners

In 2009, the Foundation sponsored two public service projects. Progress reports on these two projects follow.

Leadership Training in Kabul



Selected students taking a pre-test at Oruj Learning Center, Kabul

In partnership with Kabul's Oruj Learning Center, Sadiqa Basiri established the Youth Capacity Building Initiative — a 12 month program for 100 Afghan girls from 11th and 12th grades. The program gives extra help to those students with gaps in learning resulting from the Taliban holding them back. They learn science, computer basics, English, and leadership skills; thus increasing their abilities to qualify for college scholarships and to secure employment. Some of Sadiqa's award paid for teachers' salaries and some for fuel to power generators needed for computers. Also required was transportation to school and Sadiqa worked a plan to make that happen. She expects the project to continue and will be engaging current students to help develop strategies to sustain the project.

Composting Toilets in Tanzania

Wendy Herrera's project to construct composting toilets in Usa River, Tanzania is progressing well. Community feedback determined that the people are excited, with a strong desire to be "modern," environmentally sound, and to prevent disease by using these toilets instead of pit latrines. The byproduct, fertilizer, is an added bonus for these farmers. The villagers pledged up to 50% value in the form of labor, materials and money. One of the "luxury" toilets serving 50 — 100 villagers has been completed and is a model. It inspired farmers to plan a smaller version for their families with brick and mud-and-stick superstructure.

Photo at right: Abdalah Omar (wearing green) expressed deep awe upon learning that the money for the project came from generous strangers far away in America. The photo is of Mr. Omar and family, who will share with up to 200 users. He will use the fertilizer on his farm.



20th Anniversary Event

The 20th Anniversary of the Samuel Huntington Public Service Award was celebrated at National Grid's Waltham, Massachusetts office on November 4, 2009, as part of its first fund raising effort since the Fund's inception in 1989.



Foundation Chair, Jennifer Huntington, addressing the audience

The Foundation provides grants to graduating college seniors for one year of public service anywhere in the world. The seniors design their own public service proposals, and each proposal is evaluated by the Foundation's executive committee based on the quality of the project, the student's performance in college, recommendations, and interviews with finalists.

Over the past twenty years, 46 Samuel Huntington Public Service Awards have been granted to projects located in eighteen United States communities and twenty countries around the world.

At the celebration on November 4, Jennifer Huntington, Sam's wife, introduced six former Award winners, who each spoke about his or her project and its impact on the community.

Lillian Ortiz, a Mount Holyoke graduate and the first Award winner in 1989, who implemented a bilingual education program for Quechua Indians learning Spanish in Ecuador;

David Milner from Middlebury College, founder of Funds for a Community's Future in Washington, D.C., a scholarship program for col-

lege students supported by inner city neighborhood groups;

Vivek Murthy, a Harvard graduate, who went to a small village in India to start a health and AIDs prevention program;

Edwardo Valero from Cornell, who started a student center and mural project in his home town of Oroshi, California;

Onyi Offer, who began a breast cancer screening, awareness, and outreach program in Nigeria after graduating from Harvard; and

Kelly Quinn, a 2008 graduate of Salem State, who recently finished creating an English language laboratory and class for orphans in the Dominican Republic.

Each of the Award winners focused on the value of the public service to the communities and to their own personal development. Many of the projects started by Samuel Huntington Public Service Award winners have become permanent parts of

their communities. In many respects, the Samuel Huntington Public Service Award can be viewed as a venture capital fund, awarding grants for public service that has provided tremendous rewards to communities in the United States and around the world.

Following the presentations, Frederic Greenman, former General Counsel of New England Electric System, reported that initial fund raising efforts will allow the continuation of the program. Contributions have reached over 80 percent of the Foundation's campaign goal. Further contributions are necessary, welcome, and are eligible for the National Grid employees Matching Gifts Program. Please consider a contribution as part of your charitable giving and send your tax deductible contributions to:

The Samuel Huntington Fund
c/o Amy Stacy
National Grid
40 Sylvan Road
Waltham, MA 02451



Left to right: Lillian Ortiz, Edwardo Valero, David Milner, Jennifer Huntington, Kelly Quinn, Onyi Offer, and Vivek Murthy

A DVD of the 20th Anniversary event is available.

For a copy, please contact Amy Stacy at amy.stacy@us.ngrid.com

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On behalf of all those who have benefitted from this program in the past and all those that will benefit in the future, we want to express our appreciation to all our supporters, with special thanks to Jeanne and John Rowe for their very generous multi-year pledge.

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