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GLOBAL AIDS INTERFAITH ALLIANCE (GAIA) CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CARE, FEATURING MARTIN SHEEN, JAY LEVY, JANE KACZMAREK
500 GUESTS ATTEND; OVER \$545,000 RAISED

Actors Martin Sheen and Jane Kaczmarek emcee the event

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On Thursday, April 29th, 500 guests celebrated the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance's 10th anniversary at The Fairmont, San Francisco. Actors Martin Sheen (*The West Wing*) and Jane Kaczmarek (*Malcolm in the Middle*) emceed the dinner event. Dr. Jay A. Levy, co-discoverer of HIV, gave the keynote presentation on the search for an AIDS vaccine. David Gilmour, owner of Paradise Foods, served as Event Chair.

Doctors Charles Wilson, and William Rankin were honored as the Founders of GAIA, and Jones Laviwa, GAIA Malawi Country Director, made a moving presentation about GAIA's impact on the ground in Malawi. First Lady of California, Maria Shriver, attended the reception to congratulate GAIA's supporters and trustees, and Dame Elizabeth Taylor sent her congratulations in a written statement. Also honored were GAIA's Medical Advisory Board members and volunteers, including Helene Gayle, President of CARE USA, Sir Richard Feachem, Founding Executive Director of the UN Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and others. Sir Feachem wrote, "GAIA has brought impressive life-saving results to rural Malawi by its unique commitment to work through and with local people and local faith-based organizations. It is a shining example of what commitment, faith, and cooperation can achieve."

During the live Fund-A-Need appeal, Jane Kaczmarek quoted Marian Wright Edelman, saying, "Service is the rent we pay for being." Martin Sheen auctioned off his script with notes on how to pronounce medical terms and words such as "emeritus" (m/air/e/tus) in a hilarious appeal, raising over \$10,000 with that effort.



Hundreds of guests and supporters contributed over half a million dollars to deliver HIV-related health services and empowerment strategies to the children, women and men of Malawi.

About the Presenters

Dr. Jay A. Levy is Professor of Medicine in Hematology/Oncology and Director of the Laboratory for Tumor and AIDS Virus Research at UCSF. He co-discovered HIV in 1983 and during the last 28 years, he and his research group have dedicated their efforts to biologic, immunologic, and molecular studies of the AIDS virus.

Martin Sheen is one of the busiest, most conscientious actors in Hollywood, putting together a Herculean body of work that spans four decades. For over 40 years, he has been an ardent supporter of causes that advocate peace and encourage justice throughout the world. Mr. Sheen just completed a run of *The Subject Was Roses* at The Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, a play which he first performed 45 years ago, and has also completed Emilio Estevez's latest film *The Way* which is due to be released this summer.

Jane Kaczmarek starred for seven years in the popular TV series *Malcolm in the Middle*. She was nominated for seven consecutive Emmy awards, as well as numerous Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards. She won the American Comedy Award and the Television Critic's Award for two consecutive years, the first woman to ever receive such an honor. Ms. Kaczmarek has been a long-time supporter of GAIA and was the founder of the Clothes Off Our Back Foundation, which auctions celebrity award show finery to benefit children's charities.

Charles B. Wilson, MD, chaired the UCSF Department of Neurological Surgery for thirty years, and founded the Brain Tumor Research Institute there, a national cancer research center continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health since 1971. Dr. Wilson is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, the Tulane University Board of Administrators and holds numerous national and international honors for his research and clinical skills. A pioneer in the surgery of pituitary tumors, Dr. Wilson has authored more than 600 scientific publications and presented at symposiums worldwide. His contemporary research involves emerging medical technologies, particularly those related to molecular genetics. With William Rankin, he is a co-founder and Chairman emeritus of GAIA.

Jones Laviwa is GAIA's Country Director. He holds a Master's Degree from the Development Studies Center, Ireland. He worked in relief and development in Malawi, coordinating major relief efforts to help refugees fleeing Mozambique's civil war. He was Executive Director of Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD), funded



by Malawian and overseas churches. Mr. Laviwa develops, implements, and monitors GAIA's programs. He collaborates with governmental and community organizations, village chiefs and headmen, traditional authorities, Christian clergy and Muslim imams.

William Rankin, Ph.D., with Dr. Charles Wilson, is a co-founder of GAIA. He has been its President and C.E.O. from the beginning. Dr. Rankin is a priest in the Episcopal Church and is a former President and Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. He is a non-salaried Clinical Professor in the School of Nursing, UCSF, where he teaches bio-medical ethics and the philosophy of science. He has been a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, England, a scholar in residence at the Rockefeller Center in Bellagio, Italy, and a visiting scientist at the Swiss Tropical Institute at the University of Basel, Switzerland. He is the author of three books and numerous scholarly articles.

About GAIA

The Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance, a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, was founded in 2000 in response to the global HIV/AIDS catastrophe. Driven by the desire to stop this devastating disease, Charles Wilson, GAIA's former board chair and Professor of Neurosurgery, Emeritus, UCSF, and William Rankin, GAIA's president and chief executive officer, focused on using the religious networks in Africa to prevent the spread of the disease in developing countries. GAIA currently works in Malawi villages, rural hospitals, and nursing schools to prevent the spread of AIDS through education, empowerment to women and families, voluntary testing for HIV, clothing, food, school supplies, and care to orphans and the dangerously ill. In addition to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Elizabeth Taylor HIV/AIDS Foundation, the organization is supported by more than 60 U.S. religious congregations and numerous individual donors.

For more information or to learn how you can help, please visit www.thegaia.org.

In Malawi...

\$21 feeds and clothes and orphan for one year

\$100 pays for yearly secondary school fees for an orphaned child

\$500 buys enough food and medicine for 60 orphans for five months

\$1,000 buys five bicycle ambulances for transporting patients

\$5,000 supports a project providing food, life skills training, and care to

270 people living with HIV/AIDS for a year



Event Chair David Gilmour with actress Jane Kaczmarek and First Lady Maria Shriver



Emcees Martin Sheen and Jane Kaczmarek



*Dr. Jay A. Levy with Martin Sheen and
Dr. William Rankin, President and Co-Founder of GAIA*



Dr. Charles Wilson, Frances Petrocelli and Jones Laviwa