

Call for Nominations
for the
2008 GINETTA SAGAN AWARD
FOR WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
Amnesty International USA

“Ginetta Sagan’s name is synonymous with the fight for human rights around the world. She represents to all the triumph of the human spirit over tyranny.”

– President Bill Clinton

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ginetta Sagan Fund of Amnesty International USA is to recognize and assist women who are working to protect the liberty and lives of women and children in areas where human rights violations are widespread. The 2008 award will be given to a woman who works on behalf of the human rights of **women**.

The Ginetta Sagan Award recognizes individual accomplishment, but also serves as a beacon of hope to women everywhere who are fighting for human rights.

The Award:

- recognizes outstanding achievement, often at great personal risk
- enhances the recipient's ability to live and work freely
- protects the recipient's capacity to continue her work
- brings increased international scrutiny to the crisis region or issue for which the recipient works

The creation of the Ginetta Sagan Fund emphasizes that more human rights work must be done by and for women. The \$10,000 award is announced and presented each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Amnesty International USA. The 2008 AGM will be held in Washington, D.C.

HISTORY OF THE GINETTA SAGAN FUND

For more than three decades, the late **Ginetta Sagan**, recipient of the **1996 Presidential Medal of Freedom**, fought for the lives and rights of prisoners of conscience throughout the world. A tireless crusader and eternal optimist, Ginetta's passionate dedication inspired generations of human rights advocates. In honor of her humanitarian achievements, Amnesty International USA created the Ginetta Sagan Fund in 1994, one of AIUSA's first permanently endowed funds and the only fund that specifically addresses the needs of women and children. The Ginetta Sagan Fund ensures the continuation in perpetuity of Ginetta's human rights legacy and brings worldwide attention to the abuses perpetrated on women and children.

For further information or to download the nomination form, please visit:

www.amnestyusa.org/ginettasaganfund

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

LETTER OF NOMINATION

This letter of nomination should inform the Selection Committee why the candidate should receive the Ginetta Sagan Award for Women's and Children's Rights. To the extent that it is relevant, please include any personal background related to human rights. If possible, please include answers to the following question:

- In what capacity do you know the candidate and how long have you known her?
- How long has the candidate been involved in women's and/or children's right work?
- What inspired the candidate to do human rights work?
- Has the nominee faced threats or intimidation for her human rights work?
- How has the nominee impacted and/or transformed her community through her work? Examples from past nominees include changes to legislation, raising profile of the issue in her country and internationally, providing life-saving services, etc. Please be as inclusive as possible.
- Any other relevant information you would like to include.

We will accept an electronic (via email) nomination letter AND a hard copy of the letter that contains your signature.

TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These two letters can be from anyone familiar with the candidate's human rights work. If possible, please have these two letters sent along with the nomination package. If sent by email, please put the nominee's full name in the subject line.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Any material that can help the Selection Committee members gain insight into the candidate would be very helpful. This can include press clippings, radio interviews, photographs, and any other relevant information. Please note that supporting materials will not be returned.

DEADLINE

Nomination and letters of recommendation must be received by **OCTOBER 15, 2007**.

SEND NOMINATION TO:

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350 Sansome Street, Suite 630
San Francisco, California 94104

Tel: 415.291.9233 / Fax: 415.291.8722

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2007 NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type clearly)

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of candidate being nominated: _____

Title/Position: _____

Human Rights Organization: _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

Mobile (phone), if any: _____ Fax: _____

Language(s): _____

Please rate her English fluency: ___ Excellent ___ Fair ___ Poor

(Please note that this rating does not affect the selection process. It is only used to plan for appropriate interpretation services if the candidate is selected).

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator: _____

Title/Position: _____

Human Rights Organization: _____

Address: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

Mobile (phone), if any: _____ Fax: _____