



March 8, 2008 - International Women's Day

Dear Friend:

Speak out. It sounds simple: Speak out when you see injustice, mistreatment, or corruption. But in parts of the world where speaking out can put you in harm's way or even get you killed, doing so takes extraordinary courage.

For this reason, every year the Ginetta Sagan Fund of Amnesty International honors a human rights defender who has put herself in harm's way by speaking out—against torture, human trafficking, violence, racism, and other rights violations. The Ginetta Sagan Award recognizes the exceptional bravery of women who stand up to tyranny by paying tribute to their work and shining a bright light on the abuses they expose.

The Ginetta Sagan Award helps bring international media attention to the human rights work of the recipients, as well as awarding them \$10,000. But the Ginetta Sagan Fund needs help from individuals like you. Please consider making a gift today!

Last year, we honored Lydia Cacho for her tireless efforts to put a stop to child prostitution in her native Mexico. Since receiving the Ginetta Sagan Award, Ms. Cacho has been recognized by the U.S. State Department as one of eight heroes worldwide fighting to end human trafficking. She continues to garner media attention for her work fighting child pornographers, making it more difficult for them to perpetrate their crimes.

In the spring of 2008 we will announce the next Ginetta Sagan Fund awardee and recognize a very special woman who is speaking out against women's rights abuses. In doing so, we also honor Ginetta Sagan—founder of the Western Region of Amnesty International and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom—who spent her life fighting for human rights and human dignity, and inspired countless others in the process.

With your generous support, we will continue Ginetta Sagan's mission to speak out against human suffering and injustice.

Thank you.

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