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2009 Clearing the Path Gala FACT SHEET

WHAT: The Marshall Legacy Institute (MLI) will celebrate its 12th 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, children's programs 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: **Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA)**, Public Policy Award
Raytheon Company, Corporate Award
Kirsten Parkinson, Joan Wismer CHAMPS Award
Rayes Khan and MDD Stitch, Mine Detection Dog Team of the Year
Arwa Ali Said, Survivors' Assistance Award

WHEN: Wednesday, October 21, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Four Seasons Hotel, Washington D.C.

EMCEE: George Stephanopoulos, ABC News

ENTERTAINMENT: TBD

PAST HONOREES:

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)
Sasa Klacar and *Ryno* (2008 MDD Team of the Year Award)
Ahmad Shah Mohibullah and *Meme* (2008 MDD Team of the Year Award)
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)
Ali Sharaf el Din and *Barry* (2007 MDD Team 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)
Jaromir Josepovic and *Brenda* (2002 MDD Team of the Year Award)

The Marshall Legacy Institute is a nonprofit 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), CHAMPS International, and Survivors' Assistance. In the past year, MLI has donated 26 MDDs to "sniff out" landmines and return land to productive use in Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Iraq (Kurdistan) and Lebanon. MLI has provided medical assistance and rehabilitative care to over 100 landmine survivors and vocational training to a dozen survivors in Azerbaijan. In the coming year, we plan to continue our support of existing mine-action projects and hope to launch new programs in Angola, Colombia, and Vietnam.

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