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***Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) Awards
Leading Voices in Asbestos Awareness Top Honors***

Awards to be Received on First Annual National Asbestos Awareness Day

Redondo Beach, CA ... March 8, 2005 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) today announced three award winners for their outstanding work and dedication to asbestos awareness related activities. Specifically, Laurie Kazan-Allen will receive the Tribute to Unity Award for her work to unite, educate and empower asbestos victims, activists and public health workers; Gayla Benefield will be presented with the Tribute to Hope Award for her determination and quest for medical care and justice for the countless people of Libby, Montana; and Jill Vaughn will be recognized with the Tribute to Inspiration Award for being a bridge to hope for mesothelioma victims and their families as she continues to offer encouragement, comfort, guidance and humor.

The honorees will receive their awards on the first annual Asbestos Awareness Day on April 1, 2005 in Washington D.C. Asbestos Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize accomplishments, remember and honor loved ones and increase awareness about the dangers of asbestos. Details will be posted on the ADAO website, www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org.

"Laurie, Gayla and Jill are truly inspirational women of commitment, compassion and as well as leaders in asbestos awareness and victim support," said Linda Reinstein, Co-Founder & Executive Director of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. "Asbestos Awareness Day is a landmark step towards education, prevention and a cure. More than 30 million homes and buildings across the nation contain asbestos - these incurable and often deadly diseases are not going away."

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About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) was founded by asbestos victims and their families. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims and concerned citizens a united voice to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected, while raising public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and often deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAO is an independent organization funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org

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