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

Awards to be Received at Fourth Annual National Asbestos Awareness Day Conference, March 29 - 30 2008

Redondo Beach, CA ... November 15, 2007 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) today announced five award winners for their outstanding work and dedication to asbestos awareness related activities.

Tributes include:

- Aubrey K. Miller, MD, MPH, Senior Medical Officer & Toxicologist, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be presented with the Tribute to Hope Award for his quest to ban asbestos.
- The Canadian Auto Workers will receive the Tribute to Unity Award for its global work to unite, educate and empower asbestos victims, and public health workers.
- Barry Castleman, ScD, Environmental Consultant will be recognized with the Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of his dedicated research into the social and medical impact asbestos has had on humankind.
- John Thayer, former U.S. Capitol Tunnel Worker Supervisor and asbestos victim will be presented with the Tribute to Inspiration Award for being a bridge to hope and strength of victims of asbestos exposure.
- John McNamara, mesothelioma victim, will be honored posthumously, with the Alan Reinstein Memorial Award for his commitment to advocacy to eradicate mesothelioma and offer support to patients and their families.

The honorees will receive their awards at the fourth Annual Asbestos Awareness Day Conference to be held on March 29 – 30, 2008 at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit, Michigan. This conference is made possible with the support and collaborative efforts from Karmanos' National Center for Vermiculite and Asbestos-Related Cancers and the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS). Asbestos Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize accomplishments, remember and honor loved ones and increase awareness about the present dangers of asbestos. More information is available on the ADAO website, www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org. Registration begins on December 1.

“The dedication and guidance that these amazing individuals have shown is deeply moving. Dr. Aubrey Miller, Dr. Barry Castleman, the Canadian Auto Workers and John Thayer have inspired the victims of asbestos related illnesses, giving them hope to look towards the future,” said Linda Reinstein, Co-Founder & Executive Director of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. “We look forward to the Fourth Annual Asbestos Awareness Day so that we may spread awareness and further educate the public as we continue our global fight to permanently ban asbestos. These incurable diseases are not going to go away on their own.”

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About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) was founded by asbestos victims and their families in 2004. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims a united voice to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected, and raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and the often deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAO is funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org.

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