September 1, 2004

Message from Linda, Executive Director

Please join me in welcoming Jordan Zevon, our ADAO National Spokesperson. With Jordan's help, the victims' voice will be heard - from a whisper to a roar. Jordan's father, Warren Zevon, lost his battle with mesothelioma in September 2003, but Jordan will continue fighting the fight. To learn more about Jordan and Warren Zevon go to: www.warrenzevon.com. We are grateful for Jordan's support and commitment to ADAO. Watch for Jordan's bulletin board on our site - he is an amazing man and has my greatest respect.

We have added a Victims' Resources link to our site. Presently, this is 15 months of my research, but I am anxious to add your links. This page is an ongoing collaborative effort, by victims for victims. ADAO doesn’t not make medical and or legal referrals or recommendations. Email ADAOresrouces@AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org to share your links or post an event.

During the past months, ADAO's incredible grassroots expansion is a landmark lesson to the power of unity. I applaud each member of ADAO, it would be easy to walk away from the pain and torture of asbestos diseases - but instead, you have made a difference.

ADAO established the international ADAO Coalition for Asbestos Awareness to unite concerned citizens. Unknowingly, many innocent people have been occupationally or environmentally exposed to asbestos and know little about the early warning symptoms of asbestos related diseases. Proactively, the Coalition's powerful collaborative efforts will lead to prevention, early diagnosis, new treatments and a cure. Sign the ADAO Coalition for Asbestos Awareness online petition at http://www.gopetition.com/online/5020.html

Complacency and silence resolves nothing. Grief and exhaustion tends to dissuade victims from fighting the fight. Doug and I knew when we met, victims needed to unite to unleash the power of unity to ensure change. In just a few short months, ADAO has become an organization Congress respects, a credible resource for the media, but most of all, a safe environment and nurturing environment for victims and their families. Cathy, ADAO National Representative who lost her husband to mesothelioma, works tirelessly with our representatives and victims. We give encouragement, support and comfort to each other - we share our experiences and knowledge.

Our daily struggles are painful and the job at hand is HUGE, but we remain committed to our ADAO goals. We won't stop until we have fair asbestos legislation, increased funding for research and everyone knows about the hazards of asbestos.

What can you do now?

- Sign the ADAO Coalition for Asbestos Awareness petition online at http://www.gopetition.com/online/5020.html - victims and concerned citizens unite.
- Sign our ADAO questbook.
- Submit a letter to the editor - they need to hear the "Voice of the Victims".
- Visit our Newsroom to read interviews, press releases and Google News alerts (updated weekly).
- Email Cathy to volunteer - become your ADAO State Representative, form a local support network or just introduce yourself. You CAN make a difference by sharing your experiences with a victim.
- Make a donation to ADAO today.

ADAO is a volunteer victim-to-victim organization staffed by victims, their families and friends and funded solely through private donations.

www.AsbestosDiseaseAwareness.org
Our successful grassroots organization has taken flight and we need to raise money to cover our ADAO organizational expenses. Your contributions will fund our national asbestos awareness campaign, victims' unity program and legislative advocacy efforts.

Tribute donations will receive an acknowledgement note upon request.
Please include full names and addresses.

Donations can be mailed to:
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
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In unity and hope, Linda