



POINTS OF LIGHT
FOUNDATION

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Ronald H. Sunderland
Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry
701 North Post Oak Road, Suite 330
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Dear Mr. Sunderland:

I would like to extend my personal congratulations and that of the board of directors of The Points of Light Foundation on being chosen as one of the 18 recipients of the 1998 President's Service Award. Considering that more than 3,500 nominations were submitted this year, the fact that you were chosen as a winner is truly commendable.

The President's Awards was developed in 1982 to honor outstanding volunteers and volunteer organizations and to call public attention to the contribution our Nation's volunteers make. There is virtually no activity in the lives of our communities that is not in some way touched by the involvement of volunteers. It is only through your continued commitment, and that of all Americans, that we will be able to address the critical social problems facing our communities and the Nation.

The President's Award is the most prestigious award ever given for volunteer community service. It is also an enormous challenge. Many past award winners have commented that living up to the responsibility that the award carries with it is the greatest challenge that they have faced in their volunteer efforts.

I know that the next several weeks are going to be very exciting and meaningful, a time that you will remember for many years. I look forward to meeting each of you at the awards event.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Goodwin
President and Chief Executive Officer