

ELIZABETH TAYLOR HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

RECOGNIZING EXEMPLARY HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF HIV

In 2014, amfAR, the International AIDS Society (IAS), and The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF) will honor the memory of Dame Elizabeth Taylor by presenting the **Elizabeth Taylor Human Rights Award** at the International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, Australia. First given to Iranian physicians Arash and Kamiar Alaei at the 2012 conference in Washington, DC, the award recognizes



exemplary efforts to advance human rights in the field of HIV and AIDS. The honoree will be presented with a limited-edition statue and a certificate citing his/her achievements. (The Elizabeth Taylor Human Rights Award has no monetary value per se, but the honoree will receive a prepaid conference registration and coverage of all travel, accommodation and related expenses.)

PURPOSE

From the beginning of the epidemic, the link between HIV and human rights has been well documented. Violations of human rights have fueled the spread of stigma and discrimination, and have been one of the primary obstacles to universal access to treatment and care, and the implementation of effective prevention tools.

From the early days of the AIDS epidemic until her passing in March 2011, Dame Elizabeth Taylor, amfAR's Founding International Chairman, was a highly visible, vocal, and relentless champion of human rights in the HIV/AIDS arena. She is remembered with love, gratitude and admiration as one of the strongest advocates for the respect of human rights of all people living with or affected by HIV.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the award, the individual must demonstrate a history of excellence as a leader and advocate for human rights in the field of HIV (e.g., efforts aimed at overcoming stigma and discrimination, implementing evidence-based

policies and programs, and/or promoting access to prevention, treatment and care for people infected and affected by HIV, including marginalized individuals and communities).

AWARD SPONSORS

amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, has been a leading advocate for human rights in the context of AIDS throughout its history and was an early and forceful opponent of stigma and discrimination directed at the gay community. Today amfAR is a staunch supporter of community-based organizations worldwide working to oppose discriminatory laws that hinder the provision of HIV services to marginalized communities such as injection drug users, sex workers, and gay men, other men who have sex with men, and transgender individuals.

The International AIDS Society (IAS) has chosen HIV and human rights as one of its key policy and advocacy priorities. As the largest association of HIV professionals, the IAS is

committed to bringing a human rights perspective to its work on HIV with the aim of educating researchers and healthcare workers and empowering them to protect their own rights and to promote and respect the human rights of those they serve.

Elizabeth Taylor founded **The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation** in 1991 to raise funds and awareness to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS, and to provide assistance to people living with HIV. With its focus on direct care and prevention education, ETAF funds AIDS organizations throughout the world, providing support services to populations most in need.

DEADLINE

Nominations should be submitted online at www.amfar.org/etnom and will be accepted until 9:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.