

Argentinian Volunteers Recognized with Awards

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Buenos Aires, Argentina—Argentina’s volunteers and volunteer-involving organizations were recognized at a special awards presentation.

In support of the United Nations’ International Volunteer Day, UPF-Argentina presented the 5th annual Volunteering and Common Good Awards on December 4, 2015, at the Merchant Navy University in Buenos Aires. The motto for this year’s Day is “Your World is changing. Are you? Volunteer!”

Education, Arts and Culture, Inclusion of People with Disabilities, Self-help and Spirituality, Integral Health, Communication, Environment and Ecology, Childhood, Elders, Sports and Recreation, and Community Help.

The volunteers and organizations that were recognized represented the provinces of Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Jujuy, Neuquén, Salta, Santa Fe, and Buenos Aires City.

Each of the awardees had the chance to express their feelings and to briefly describe their activities.

Ms. Silvia Gabriela Vázquez, secretary of the University Extension of Merchant Navy University, gave the welcoming remarks, while the UN message (Spanish) for this day was read by Ambassador for Peace, Ms. María Teresa Herrera, a member of UPF’s Argentina’s Peace Council.

Mr. Carlos Varga, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Argentina, gave the congratulatory remarks. Ms. Nora Viqueira, a volunteer who has become known for helping senior citizens in Argentina, read the Ubuntu saying, “I am what I am because of who we all are.”

The celebration was attended by Mr. Eduardo Borri and Ms. Jackeline Giusti, from the Pacis Nuntii Movement, and promoters of the Universal Peace Flag, **Mr. Darío Pompilio**, managing director of **Messengers of Peace**, among other friends and guests of UPF.

The International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development was established by UN Resolution 40/212 on December 17, 1985. It encouraged people to “take action in order to raise more awareness of the important contribution of volunteers, thus stimulating more people from all social conditions to offer their services as volunteers.”

The famous and inspirational quotes that precede the contest rules are very accurate: “We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop”—Mother Theresa and “Be the change you want to see in the world”—Mahatma Gandhi. And—such a true statement, as confirmed by the generosity and happiness expressed by each volunteer: “We

will find happiness only when we live our lives for the sake of others”—Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of UPF, from his autobiography, which was one of the many presents given to the awardees.



**Fifth Annual “Volunteering and Common Good” Awards
In commemoration of UN International Volunteer Day 2015**

Special Recognition

Mr. Darío Pompilio
Messengers of Peace’s General Director in Argentina
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Recognition to Entities (order according to the Guidelines)

Category: EDUCATION

Mexican Pedagogy Association AC
Mexico City, Mexico

Category: ARTS AND CULTURE

International Cultural Institution “América Madre”
Santa María de Punilla, Province of Córdoba

Aventuras de Papel (MENTION)
Mar del Plata – Province of Buenos Aires

Category: INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

“Sonrie” NGO
Funes, Province of Santa Fe

Protected Studio Bakery “El Futuro”
Pehuajó, Province of Buenos Aires

Category: SELF-HELP AND SPIRITUALITY

Brahma Kumaris Argentina and Paraguay
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Space “Ayni Don Torcuato” (MENTION)
Don Torcuato, Province of Buenos Aires

Category: INTEGRAL HEALTH

Association “Dale Vida”
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Foundation GEFS+

Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Category: COMMUNICATION

Association “Martin Castellucci”

Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Women’s federation “Grandes Maestras”

San Clemente del Tuyú, Province de Buenos Aires

Category: ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

Agro-technical school “CORONEL MANUEL ARIAS”

Paraje Bella Vista, La Banda, Humahuaca, Province of Jujuy

Category: CHILDHOOD

Association “Acompañar Con Educación y Responsabilidad” (ACER)

Family CONIN (Cooperative for Child Nutrition)

Vicente López, Province de Buenos Aires

Casa del Niño (MENTION)

Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Carmen

Lobos, Province de Buenos Aires

Category: SPORTS AND RECREATION

Argentinian Tennis Association for Blind People

Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Category: COMMUNITY HELP

Inrville’s Volunteer Fire Brigade

Inrville, Province of Córdoba

Foundation “La Redención”

Inrville, Province of Córdoba

Recognition to Volunteers (order according to the Guidelines)

Category: Education

Carina Bender (“Si – Mosconi” Foundation)

Mosconi, Province of Salta

Patricio Marquínez (“San Genaro” Foundation)

Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Category: ARTS AND CULTURE

Laura Bolli

Concepción del Uruguay, Province of Entre Ríos

Maria Irene Giurlani

Boulogne Sur Mer, San Isidro, Province de Buenos Aires

Carlos Marcelo Robles

Ciudad de Santa Fe, Province of Santa Fe

Category: INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Alberto Mario Batalla

Pergamino, Province de Buenos Aires

Category: SELF-HELP AND SPIRITUALITY

Mónica Astorga Cremona (Discalced Carmelites Order)
Centenario, Province of Neuquén

Alicia Noemí Fernández
Lanús, Province de Buenos Aires

Malena Manzato
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Category: INTEGRAL HEALTH

Alicia Crocco (TV show “Alimenta tu vida”)
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Category: COMMUNICATION

Paula Oliver
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Sebastiá Riesco (Practical Pacifism)
La Plata – Province de Buenos Aires

Category: ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY

Oswaldo García Napo
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Category: CHILDHOOD

Bernardita Britez
Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

Category: ELDERS

Nora Isabel Viqueira
San Clemente del Tuyú, Province de Buenos Aires

Category: SPORTS AND RECREATION

JosÉ Luis Sosa (Itaya Dojo)
Ezeiza, Province of Buenos Aires

Category: COMMUNITY HELP

Juana Francisca Sucheich
Inrville, Province of Córdoba

