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Save A Life Foundation
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SALF Awards Dinner

August 30, 1995 - - Save A Life Foundation successfully complete their First Annual Award of Excellence Dinner, some 500 people attended this event at Drury Lane Oak Brook Terrace, last Friday. The event was MC by Dominic DiFrisco and held to recognized distinguished individuals plus bolster resources for the organization's future efforts.

The Award of Excellence was presented by Lorenzo Littles, Director of Operations for U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun to Nick Celozzi, president of Celozzi-Ettleson Chevrolet, for his years of community involvement, generosity of spirit and his lifelong commitment as a humanitarian. Adam Zakroczymski V.P. Medical Devices International and Ciprina Jean Spizzirri, (daughter of Carol J. Spizzirri President and Founder of Save A Life Foundation) presented the "Certificate of Honor" to, Rev. & Mrs. Scott Willis, for their heroic efforts since the death of their children; the "Good Samaritan Award" was presented to Bill Rivera of Branber Trucking, for his heroism in assisting 32 injured people after their bus rolled over on the Illinois toll way, and Bill's employer, Joe Kuesis of Branber Corporation, received the "Employer Award of Honor" for supporting his employees to service their community.

Carol J. Spizzirri, successfully passed a Illinois mandate, sponsored by Senator Robert Raica (R) requiring CPR and First Aid education for all police and fire fighters prior to graduation from their academy. Funding for states was secured through a bill sponsored by Illinois Congressman Dick Durbin signed by President William Clinton, both bills went into affect January, 1995. The interest and dedication to this cause was prompted by the death of Carol's daughter Christina, on Labor Day, 1992, because the police first on the scene were unable to render basic life saving assistance.

The Save A Life Foundation group's latest efforts include Save A Life Fundamentals for Children, which will educated children 4 years + how to access EMS and what to do until professionals arrive. This committee includes Lorenzo Littles of U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun's office, Illinois State PTA, and several Chicago area fire departments. The dinner proceeds will go toward this effort. "We are hoping this program will be accepted by all schools and lead to more extensive training in driver's education programs."

Save A Life Foundation's efforts has been gaining national attention. The story appeared in the August issue of the Good Housekeeping, television shows "Inside Edition and CNN both aired a segment recently.

Plans are in the works for the third annual "Save A Life Week in Illinois, Virginia and Minnesota early next year.

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