



MAP International Honors Global Health Heroes
Bill Foege Global Health Awards will be given to Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

ATLANTA (May 17, 2017) –MAP International and the Atlanta health community will come together for the Bill Foege Global Health Awards on Sunday, June 11, 2017. Created in honor of Bill Foege, most known for his efforts in eradicating smallpox, the award recognizes people and organizations who have contributed substantially to the progress of global health. The inaugural Awards' recipients are Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for their humanitarian contributions and for their work towards eradicating polio worldwide.

“We applaud these individuals and organizations for their substantial work eradicating polio and bringing inclusive healthcare to all communities,” said President and CEO of MAP International Steve Stirling, “As a Polio survivor, it’s an honor to have the Bill Foege Global Health Awards serve as a catalyst to inspire more individuals and organizations to make much-needed changes in healthcare globally.”

All proceeds from the Bill Foege Global Health Awards directly support the mission of MAP International. Funds received from ticket purchases will help provide essential medicines in emergencies and equip the medical mission team with supplies to help communities in need.

Veteran Fox News host and CNN anchor Laurie Dhue will emcee this gathering of health professionals, business leaders, friends and family to pay tribute to Bill Foege, Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Ambassador Andrew J. Young, will be keynote speaker and is also serving as honorary chair of the event. In addition, Sunny Park of General Building Maintenance and Clark Dean of Transwestern are serving as co-chairs.

MAP is pleased to join leading Atlanta corporations including Chick-fil-A, Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines, General Building Maintenance, The Home Depot, and The UPS Foundation in recognizing Bill Foege's extraordinary work in advancing global health issues.

For sponsorship and ticket information, visit www.map.org/award.

ABOUT MAP INTERNATIONAL:

MAP International is a Christian organization providing life-changing medicines and health supplies to people in need. MAP serves all people, regardless of religion, gender, race, nationality, or ethnic background. The organization has responded to natural disasters worldwide for more than 60 years with vital medicines and relief supplies. Since 1954, the organization has provided more than \$6 billion in medicines and medical supplies. For more information, visit <https://www.map.org>.

ABOUT BILL FOEGE:

As a man who has received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Dr. William Foege is a folk hero in the global health industry known for his work eradicating small pox. He was the head of the CDC and also founded the Task Force for Global Health (the second largest health related charity in the world) as well as a senior fellow for global health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The list of organizations he has led represent the ‘A’ list of global health innovators. This list includes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Carter Center, and the Task Force for Global Health, the second largest health-related charity in the world. Besides receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Dr. Foege has received the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award for Humanitarian Contributions to the Health of Humankind and the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage, in addition to numerous other awards.

ABOUT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

Rotary International brings together a global network of volunteers dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit <https://www.rotary.org/en>.

ABOUT THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION:

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Sue Desmond-Hellmann and Co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett. For more information, visit <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/>.

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