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Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre: 45 Years Serving Artists Creating a Better World

HOLLYWOOD, CA– On the evening of Saturday, August 9, the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre hosted more than 1,000 Scientologists and their guests at the Church’s annual gala dinner commemorating its 45th Anniversary.

The Centre was established in 1969 in the spirit of Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard’s writings that the artist plays “an enormous role in the enhancement of today’s and the creation of tomorrow’s reality.... A culture is only as great as its dreams, and its dreams are dreamed by artists.”

In keeping with Mr. Hubbard’s vision, Celebrity Centre serves as an oasis for the leading voices contributing to society’s well-being through the arts, entertainment, commerce and government.

As part of this mission, Celebrity Centre introduces these leaders to Church-supported humanitarian and social betterment initiatives. On Saturday, these activities took center stage, showcased by prominent dignitaries who know the programs and the results they produce first hand.

United States DEA Office of Diversion Control Executive Assistant, Robert Hill, spoke of the critical need for effective drug education as society's access to abusive prescription drugs becomes rampant and easier than ever.

"The Foundation for a Drug Free World provides literature to communities worldwide that are a valuable resource for drug prevention and the type of education that is vital to keeping people off drugs."

U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Colonel (Ret.), Bob Wolfertz spoke of how he benefited personally from a program the Church supports aimed at reversing deadly toxic exposure known as Gulf War Illness, from which more than 170,000 American soldiers still suffer.

As a Gulf War veteran, Wolfertz experienced a variety of symptoms from this condition—from gnawing joint pain to short term memory loss and debilitating fatigue. A few months after learning of the L. Ron Hubbard method of detoxification at the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illness in Boston in 1996, Wolfertz completed the program and remains symptom free.

"The results of the program were immediate and astonishing. My mind was clear, the rashes and joint aches gone. We don't need any more casualties from battles fought long ago. With the Hubbard detox program, we have a solution."

Detroit attorney Allison Folmar successfully fought to prevent Child Protective Services from forcing parents to give their children dangerous psychiatric drugs. She acknowledged the critical help she received from the Church-supported Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR).

“The heart of this issue is human rights. It concerns every one of us as parents, regardless of race, color or creed. For decades the Church of Scientology has been at the vanguard of important human rights issues like this.”

The Gala celebration further highlighted the Church’s unprecedented expansion, including the opening of new Ideal Scientology Organizations in major cities across the world. These Churches not only service parishioners in their ascent to greater states of spiritual awareness and freedom, but also serve the entire community, providing a meeting ground of cooperative effort.

In Ideal Organizations, Scientologists and community leaders alike coordinate activities based on Church-supported humanitarian initiatives to improve literacy, curb drug abuse, instill tolerance, raise awareness of human rights and uplift mortality across whole populations.



The Scientology religion was founded by author and philosopher L. Ron Hubbard. The first Church of Scientology was formed in Los Angeles in 1954 and the religion has expanded to more than 11,000 Churches, Missions and affiliated groups, with millions of members in 184 countries.