



Cast of The West Wing

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS (PARTIAL LISTING)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTIVISTS & COMMUNITY LEADERS

Rubin "Hurricane" Carter (1996)
Stanley Sheinbaum (2002)
Patch Adams (2003)
Deborah and Andy Rappaport (2005)
Victoria Riskin and David Rintels (2006)

MURDER VICTIMS' FAMILY MEMBERS

Norman Felton (1997)
Bud Welch (1998)
Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation (2001)
Aqeela Sherrills (2004)

PRESENTERS, PERFORMERS & EMCEES

Alec Baldwin (1996)
Holly Near (1996)
Forest Whitaker (1996)
Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds (1997)
Steve Allen (1998)
Joan Baez (1998)
Danny Glover (1998)
Alfre Woodard (1998 and 2007)
Karl Malden (2000)
Paula Poundstone (2000 and 2006)
Steve Earle (2001)
Gloria Steinem (2002)
Bill Kurtis (2005)
Kiefer Sutherland (2005)
Shelley Fabares (2005)
Bradley Whitford and Jane Kaczmarek (2006)
Jackson Browne (2007)

DINNER COMMITTEE (PARTIAL LISTING)

Steve Allen
Dr. Maya Angelou
Edward Asner
Warren Beatty
Harry Belafonte
Julian Bond
Jackson Browne
Gabriel Byrne
James Cromwell
Ted Danson
Ellen Degeneres
E.L. Doctorow
Richard Dreyfuss
Janeane Garofalo
Elliott Gould
Paul Haggis
Anne Heche
Helen Hunt
Angelica Huston
Bianca Jagger
Peter MacNicol
Camryn Manheim
Gregory Peck
Bonnie Raitt
Carl and Estelle Reiner
Senator Gloria Romero
Barry Scheck
Martin Sheen
Sam Shepperd
John Spencer
Gloria Steinem
Lily Tomlin
Alfre Woodard
Noah Wyle

DEATH PENALTY FOCUS AWARDS DINNER



Pictured from left to right: Sean Penn, Kiefer Sutherland, Mario Cuomo, Ruben "Hurricane" Carter, Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter

“All progress has come from
people who took unpopular positions,
not so much because they were courageous,
but because they had been given this gift of
something to believe in
passionately.”

- Mario Cuomo, accepting the Mario Cuomo Acts of Courage Award



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DPF AWARDS DINNER

AWARD DINNERS happen virtually every night in some cities – they are “a dime a dozen.” The causes and issues involved are always worthwhile, but their similarity often makes them indistinct, causing them to blend into one another.

But one stands out. Those involved in the struggle for human rights know it can be daunting and exhausting, but the unique nature of the Death Penalty Focus annual gathering is inevitably rejuvenating. It illuminates the courage and dedication of those who, by their powerful example, make us know that we are capable of better, thus charging us to live up to our ideals.

For nearly 20 years this extraordinary event has brought together all those touched by this crucial issue. The ceremony unites idealists, artists, activists, concerned citizens, major national and international leaders, and celebrities of like mind, who together insist that, in the language of the U.S. Supreme Court, “evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society” demand an end to the killing of prisoners by the state.

The majority of nations in the world have abolished the death penalty in law or practice, and their courageous vision is one we proudly share. In honoring those heroic women and men who stand for human rights, for equal justice under law and for true public safety, Death Penalty Focus makes real a demand for our legacy: a nation that truly esteems human dignity and a justice system that is, in fact, just.



Kiefer Sutherland

President of Death Penalty Focus

“As is your tradition, Death Penalty Focus has put in an extraordinary year of hard work

and I personally want to thank you.

The work of Death Penalty Focus, and all of tonight’s honorees, is in **the best tradition of Dr. King, Gandhi, and Mandela.”**

- Rev Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. (1999)

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POLITICAL LEADERS

Gov. Mario Cuomo (1996)
Chief Justice Rose Elizabeth Bird (1996)
Rev. Jesse Jackson (1997)
Senator John Burton (1998)
US Senator Russ Feingold (2000)
Gov. George H. Ryan (2001 and 2003)
Representative Barbara Lee (2002)
Former Pres. of Mexico, Vicente Fox Quesada (2003)
First Lady Rosalynn Carter (2004)
US Senator Edward M. Kennedy (2005)
Senator George McGovern (2007)

MEDIA & ARTS

Kiefer Sutherland (1996)
Sean Penn (1997)
Norman Jewison (1999)
Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee (2000)
David E. Kelley, Robert Breech (2000)
Aaron Sorkin, Thomas Schlamme (2001)
Danny Glover (2002)
Studs Terkel (2002)

Robert Wise (2004)
Bill Kurtis (2005)
David E. Kelley (2007)
Robert Greenwald (2007)

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Rabbi Leonard Beerman (2000)
Cardinal Roger Mahoney (2001)
Rev. James Lawson (2002)
Bishop Gabino Zavala (2004)
Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J. (2005)
Reverend George Regas (2006)
Bishop Thomas Gumbleton (2007)

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Clockwise: Bradley Whitford, Joan Baez, David Kelley and cast of The Practice, Danny Glover