

Two GHI Donors Boost 2005 Support Campaign

GHI is grateful for the generosity of two award-winning GHI donor-members who have directed award dollars to GHI and thereby provided a welcome head start for GHI's 2005 Support Campaign.

Dr. Hiroo Kanamori, the John E. and Hazel L. Smits Professor of Geophysical Sciences at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, received the prestigious Japan Academy Prize in June, 2004. The Japan Academy, established as the Tokyo Academy in 1879, presents the Prize award for excellence in academic publications and scientific achievement. Together with eight other awardees, Dr. Kanamori was honored at an award ceremony in Japan. He notes that the ceremony was attended by Their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress of Japan, who also hosted a luncheon for the award recipients and others, including the Crown Prince and Princess, following the ceremony. "That was the most interesting part of the event," says Kanamori. "I found that they had a good understanding of what creative research is, and what it means to our life and society."

Dr. Kanamori's decision to contribute \$1,500 of his award to GHI initiated a positive outlook for the upcoming 2005 Support Campaign. You can read more information about the Japan Academy Prize, including photographs of the award ceremony and Dr. Kanamori, under "Activities" online at the website of the Japan Academy:

http://www.japan-acad.go.jp/e_index.htm

Dr. Tracy Monk, a parent and family physician, was recognized in September for outstanding efforts on behalf of school seismic safety in British Columbia. As the founder of *Families for School Seismic Safety*, her leadership led to the assessment of all schools in high-risk zones of British Columbia. Her work continues as she now lobbies for funding to retrofit school buildings there that are still in need of strengthening. Dr. Monk was selected as one of five winners of the *Today's Parent* "For Kids' Sake Awards," established by the Canadian magazine to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary efforts on behalf of Canadian children. GeoHazards International is honored that she selected GHI as her "charity of choice" to receive the C\$2,000 award for her pioneering efforts in school earthquake safety. GHI congratulates Dr. Monk for receiving this well-earned award, and is honored that she directed the funds to GHI.



*Tracy Monk receives C\$2,000 check made out to "GeoHazards International" at award ceremony in Toronto on September 14, 2004. Presenting the award to Tracy (center) are Linda Lewis, Editor in Chief of *Today's Parent* (left) and Ildiko Marshall, publisher (right).*

You can read more about Dr. Monk's work and award online at the website of *Today's Parent*:

http://www.todaysparent.com/birthday/article.jsp?content=20040903_163551_4768&page=3

GHI is extremely grateful for the generous gifts of Hiroo Kanamori and Tracy Monk, who have graciously set the pace for the 2005 GHI Support Campaign.