

Bahai Award For Human Rights Aid

WILMETTE, Illinois — The North American Baha'i Office for Human Rights (NABOHR) was awarded a Silver Anvil Trophy for outstanding performance in special events (non-profit) at the 25th Annual Silver Anvil Awards Dinner in New York on May 15. Mrs. Juliette B. Buford, Director of NABOHR, accepted the award from the Public Relations Society of America.

To support International Human Rights Year, the National Baha'i Center established a special office to emphasize that human rights are God-given and hence inviolable, to demonstrate how the Baha'i Faith has solutions to human rights problems, and to create an awareness of the Human Rights Year and its objectives. To achieve these aims, the organization disseminated copies of the Baha'i statement on human rights to opinion leaders, sent a pamphlet "What Is Race" to schools and community groups, and published 500,000 copies of a folder on Human Rights Year.

Ten two-day regional meetings were held to explore prejudice, housing, education, youth, the American Indian and the Spanish American. The program sponsored a national conference involving 47 organizations. The theme, "Human Rights Are God-Given Rights" was emphasized in media as well as in badges, posters. Award for Service to Humanity was established. The program resulted in better understanding of human rights, of race, and of the principles of the Baha'i Faith and made a contribution to the general objectives of the Human Rights Year.