

August 25th, 2010

The Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat
Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2R9

Attention: Senior Achievement Awards

Delivered by Hand

RE: NOMINATION OF FRANK J. O'HARA
FOR ONTARIO SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

It is my pleasure to nominate Frank J. O'Hara for an Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Enclosed in support are these documents:

1. Senior Achievement Awards Nomination Form
2. Nomination Statement (i.e., Description of Achievement)
3. Letter of Support from Eric Storey, Director, Human Resources and Volunteer Services, CESO/SACO
4. Letter of Support from Dr. Eric Pierre, President, Board of Directors, Pierspective Entraide Humanitaire
5. Letter of Support from Maureen Foy, President, Board of Directors, The Family Council
6. Letter of Support from Councillor Adam Vaughan, Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina
7. Letter of Support from Peter Caldwell, MBA, VP Finance & Administration, OCAD University

Please note:

1. Dr. Eric Pierre, President, Board of Directors, Pierspective Entraide Humanitaire, sent his Letter of Support directly to the Secretariat. Enclosed is a copy. I hope that you will be able to locate and match the original letter to this nomination package.
2. You may also have received a Letter of Support from the Centre Francophone de Toronto directly. If you have, I trust you will be able to locate and match the original letter to this nomination package. (This letter may still be *en route*. I have not mentioned it in the list above because I am not quite sure where it is or when it will arrive.)

I also wish to add a brief personal statement of support.

I am Frank's third wife and, perhaps, his greatest admirer, although I admit the competition is stiff. I first met him in early April 15 years' ago as he was beginning the process of retiring. We married on April 2nd, 2003, eight years after we met (which means we have been married for seven years).

I have watched Frank evolve from a concerned citizen who has always done what he could for his community into a dedicated volunteer whose default response is, "Of course, I'll help. What do you need first?" I have also had the privilege of accompanying him on and assisting with two assignments, one to Xi'an, China, and one to Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Something that isn't mentioned in the Nomination Statement is his many kindnesses to individuals, many of whom are New Canadians. He has been a pillar of support and generosity in particular to two families from China and one from South Africa. They turn to him for a advice and information on how things work in Canada, for moral support, letters of reference, résumés, and coaching in how to choose the right school and speak to their children's teachers. He was greatly touched and honoured when one of those families declared him "Honorary Grandfather" to their two children and asked Frank to give an English name to their second son and first child to be born in Canada. (Thomas Francis Liu is now a happy, healthy four-year-old. His parents and older brother are now also Canadian citizens.)

I believe I have provided all the information the Secretariat needs to make a decision. You may also wish, however, to look at Frank's own website (www.ohara.com). As well, I will be happy to supply anything else you need, such as photos of Frank performing with The Forget-Me-Nots or with a class from his most recent visit to the Island Public/Natural Science School. All you have to do is ask.

Thank you for considering this Nomination. I look forward to hearing the result in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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