



LaHood Wins Award for Outstanding Dedication to Children and Mentoring

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WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Ray LaHood (R-IL) will be presented with the prestigious Pioneer Award, which recognizes outstanding achievements in mentoring and children’s literacy, at the Everybody Wins! DC 13th Annual Gala Celebration.

The Gala will take place on March 4, 2008, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Capital Hilton at 16th & K Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

LaHood was one of the founding members of Everybody Wins! DC (EW!DC), the Washington Metro area’s largest children’s literacy organization. He helped the organization launch its first reading and mentoring program in 1995, which served 100 students at Tyler Elementary School in Washington, DC. Since then, thanks to the support of LaHood and thousands of mentors like him, EW!DC has expanded to serve more than 3,000 students at 30 schools in the Washington Metro area.

When LaHood first began working with Everybody Wins! DC through the Power Lunch program, he made a commitment to read with an underprivileged student once each week over lunch, throughout an entire school year. LaHood’s phenomenal tenacity led him to continue on as a mentor each year for 13 years in total.

Over the last decade, LaHood has served as a mentor to several students.

EW!DC’s Gala recognizes top achievements in mentoring and children’s literacy each year. The 13th Annual Gala Celebration is generously sponsored by Jenner & Block LLP and General Dynamics, along with a host of other companies.

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