

Art of Living Silver Jubilee Awards for Prasad and others

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of the "Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Award for Human Values:"

Police Officer **Charles Young** has been with the Dallas Police Department for 27 years and has received numerous commendations. He has mentored several other rookie policemen who have in turn received commendations while under his supervision. Officer **Young** has worked in several departments, including Homicide and Narcotics and has developed many innovative techniques in detective work, which are being used in the department.

Bob Hopkins is the founder of the PAVE program (Philanthropy And Volunteerism in Education)

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code of ethics can be institutionalized. He says: "The government machinery should be insulated from politics; the election process should be completely transparent; and financial control of politicians must be regulated."

Most people see the rot being irreversible. But there are some optimists like veteran journalist George Verghese. A lot has changed he says, and the elites who once ran Parliament like a club have been displaced by new classes and castes. That is a good thing. Besides certain institutions like the EC have

and *Philanthropy World* magazine, whose mission is to educate and encourage people to donate, while at the same time recognizing individuals, who have excelled in this area. **Bob's** involvement with service began as a child, where he learnt that "giving" is often a learned behavior.

Tanya Monalisa Pinto completed her university education in Australia and moved to Dallas in 1999. Through her father's work in the travel industry, she has seen many parts of the world and has a passion for traveling, reading, yoga and cooking. In 2005, Tanya took a three-month sabbatical from her job to work in India to volunteer at Mother Teresa's orphanage, Shishu Bhavan, and home for the dying, Nirmal Hriday. It was this experience that led her to form *Baal Dan Charities* to help children.

The following were winners of the Art of Living Foundation — "Special Recognition Awards." These awards were given to those individuals who have served community with a spirit of compassion:

Prasad Thotakura has been very active in community service throughout the Asian and American communities for more than 15 years. He has served as president of IANT, TANTEX and currently serving as the general secretary of the Indian American

Friendship Council (IAFC), and recently unanimously got elected as secretary of the Telugu Association of North America (TANA). His tireless efforts to bring change in lives of needy individuals and betterment of communities were lauded by one and all. **Prasad** has raised thousands of dollars to help victims of various calamities, including Gujarat earthquake and Hurricane Katrina. He received several prestigious awards for his community, cultural and social services.

Bill Bernstein, since the past 10 years, has been working with Mosaic Family Services, an agency serving refugee and immigrant communities as well as providing HIV/AIDS prevention and intervention services for the North Texas area. **Bill** also directs the program at Mosaic that serves victims of human trafficking. The agency has served large numbers of survivors of trafficking over the last several years.

Doreen Rue has been working as a volunteer at AIDS Services of North Texas for over 10 years. She was such a wonderful volunteer that she was asked to come on Board as a full time case manager, working with clients with HIV and AIDS. Working 60-hour a week and making a difference in the lives of her clients were a routine happening in the professional life of Doreen Rue.

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