

"EXTRA MILE AMERICA" AWARD!

When I met **Tom Tuohy** for the first time, he greeted me with a huge smile and a burst of energy. It was as sincere and powerful as if he had just been reunited with a friend from the past. When Tom walks into a room, it becomes a special place not because he has arrived, but because he sees that YOU have.

"I love what you're doing! I love everything about the extra mile message! To quote Roger Staubach, 'There is no traffic jam on the extra mile!'"

You can tell Tom means what he says. Sincerity...and passion...radiate from every word and action that come from him. It's the Tom Tuohy way.

The SIXTH Extra Mile America award winner is Tom Tuohy and the Dreams for Kids organization.

The **Dreams for Kids** start...like many other great organizational beginnings...has its roots planted in a simple act of giving. On **December 24, 1989**, Tom and a dozen volunteer friends visited a **Chicago** homeless shelter. At the shelter were **54 kids** who, it seemed, Santa had forgotten. But he really hadn't.

Santa just needed **Tom Tuohy** to drive him there.

It was on that "miracle" night, a commitment was made to follow through every year with the same giving attitude. It was on that night, **Dream for Kids** was born. Since that first evening when the **54 children** were treated with great food and presents, **28,000 kids** have been impacted by the **Dreams for Kids** mission.

And now this organization has a presence in over 30 countries.

Dreams for Kids not only serves the homeless and underprivileged through its annual **Holiday for Hope** program, it also reaches out with its **Extreme Recess** program to children who are developmentally and physically challenged.

In a **Dreams for Kids** world, no kid would be forgotten on Christmas, and no kid would be left looking at the field from the sideline. **Dreams for Kids** is all about giving disadvantaged kids the opportunity to live life just like any other kid.

The poor, the homeless, the disabled...those are **Dreams for Kids'** kids. And that's extraordinarily extra mile in my book.

Congratulations, Dreams for Kids! I am so very, very happy to give you \$1,000...and the sixth Extra Mile America award.

For more about **Dreams for Kids**...visit: www.DreamsforKids.org