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2008 Harry Chapin Media Awards Winners Announced

New York, NY — WHY (World Hunger Year) announced the best in hunger and poverty journalism today, as winners of the 2008 Harry Chapin Media Awards were chosen by an independent panel of judges. The HCMAs were established in 1982 to reward journalists for their coverage of hunger and poverty-related issues. The winners will be honored at the Harry Chapin Media Awards Ceremony, presented by WHY and Mediabistro, on Sept. 22, 2009 at the Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square, New York City. For additional information, visit www.whyhunger.org.

The panel of judges were: Stephanie Heimann, co-founder of Fovea, a charity that educates on domestic and international issues through photojournalism; Doug Lasdon, Executive Director, Urban Justice Center; Carlos Rodriguiz, Vice President of Agency Relations and Food Programs, Food Bank for New York City; Tim Scheld, News Director, CBS 880; Yvonne Latty, Professor of Journalism at NYU and an author; Kerry Truemann, co-founder of Eatingliberally.org and a frequent contributor to Huffington Post; Elizabeth McDonald, Stocks Editor, Fox Business Network; and Timothy Fadek, Adjunct Professor, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and an award-winning photojournalist.

This year’s winners are:


Television: Safe Haven, Alex Shey, Karen Foshay and Judy Muller (KCET).


Books: The Good Pirates of the Forgotten Bayous: Fighting to Save a Way of Life in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina, Ken Wells (Yale University Press).

Photojournalism: "Stranded in the Middle Ground," Greg Constantine (The Himel Southasian).