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New York City Resident Honored with the Daily Point of Light Award Volunteering and Service

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ATLANTA, June 30, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ ----Katy Keck of New York, NY was one of four honorees recognized by the Points of Light Institute. Keck was honored June 28 at a gala event in New York City at the 2010 National [Conference](#) on Volunteering and Service, organized by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Katy Keck believes that every child needs a mentor, and is working hard to make that a reality. Keck is a volunteer leader with teens and pre-teens in South Africa with adults internationally, using online video-based mentoring.

With an estimated 55 million youth affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty in sub-Saharan Africa, Keck felt it was critical to connect alone. She believes that by creating these connections, children will begin to define their lives by what they have to gain, not just what they have to overcome.

Keck has been the lead volunteer for Infinite Family since it began. With her professional background in event planning, she has organized numerous events. For each event, she pulls together a large group of volunteers and dozens of sponsors and in-kind donors. Over the course of the year, she has raised over \$200,000 in donations.

As a young organization, IF benefits from Keck's leadership in fundraising, developing marketing and communication tools, and building partnerships. Through her leadership, Katy Keck has inspired her friends, family and business partners to become active change agents, providing support and resources to the organization.

The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and groups creating meaningful change in [communities](#) across America. The award was created by President W. Bush, recognizes volunteer efforts in the following service areas: environmental stewardship, education, empowering youth, and improving economic viability of local communities.

Three other Daily Point of Light award-winners were recognized for creating meaningful changes in their communities across the country. Keck received the award for her work with PUSH Buffalo and the resulting Extreme Makeover: Neighborhood Edition that built Delores a new housing community. Shannon Lambert of Minneapolis, MN received the award for creating Pandora's Project, an [online resource](#) that provides support for New York State's First Lady Michelle Paige Paterson received the award for her three years of volunteering at hospital emergency rooms for victims. She's also created a state-wide initiative that challenges middle-school students to exercise more and eat healthy for their families.

For more information on the Daily Point of Light Awards, contact Saxon Seay at sseay@pointsoflight.org. For more information on Volunteering and Service, visit <http://www.volunteeringandservice.org>.

About Points of Light Institute

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