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# The Wayne Smith Medal

*Honoring Exceptional Service and Leadership  
In Advancing the Mission of Friendship Force International*

The Friendship Force International Board of Directors has established a special award, the **Wayne Smith Medal**, to recognize those who have shown exceptional leadership in advancing the Friendship Force mission in their communities. This award is a tribute to the memory of Friendship Force founder Wayne Smith, whose boundless energy and optimism and untiring commitment to the cause of world friendship made this organization the global force for good that it is today.

Wayne Smith believed that ***a world of friends is a world of peace***. The medal that bears his name is the instrument through which Friendship Force clubs honor those who share that belief and who advance the organization's values of mutual respect, cultural diversity and humanitarian service. The **Wayne Smith Medal** recognizes the leaders of today who make it possible to maintain the founder's vision of promoting understanding across the barriers that separate people.

The honor of awarding the **Wayne Smith Medal** is reserved for the FFI Board of Directors and Friendship Force clubs (acting individually or as a group). This recognizes the vital role played by the global network of local clubs, each of which carries forward the Friendship Force mission in more than 350 communities on six continents. The medal may recognize exceptional leadership from within the club, or it may be presented to those in the broader community whose lives reflect the Friendship Force mission. Those who receive the award join a distinguished group of exemplary leaders around the world.

Each presentation of the **Wayne Smith Medal** will be accompanied by a donation of US \$500 to the Friendship Force Legacy Fund, given by the presenting club(s) in honor of the recipient. The donation and others like it will help advance the work of FFI by expanding its global reach.



The **Wayne Smith Medal** is a specially-inscribed medallion 2¼ inches in diameter, attached to a blue silken neck ribbon, that can be ornamentally displayed and worn on appropriate occasions. Accompanying the medal is a certificate honoring the recipient. Each recipient's name will be recorded on the Friendship Force Web site on a special page devoted to the honorees. Each medal is to be awarded at a ceremony organized by the presenting club, which may include media as appropriate.