



LINDBERGH FOUNDATION

2003 SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

LINDBERGH AWARD

In 2003, the Foundation presented two Lindbergh Awards and the first-ever Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award at an event held at the San Diego Aerospace Museum in San Diego, Calif. Jim Fowler, best known for his work with Marlin Perkins on Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom," and actor/pilot Harrison Ford each received a Lindbergh Award. Dr. Sally Ride, first American woman astronaut, received the first Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award.

Jim Fowler graduated from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, with degrees in zoology and geology. He is internationally recognized as an authority on predatory birds, and pursued a graduate degree by conducting the first studies of the harpy, the world's largest eagle, found in the Amazon. Fowler earned international acclaim when he began working with Marlin Perkins in 1963 as co-host, and later host, of Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom." He also hosted the "Spirit of Adventure" program. Fowler has a long list of television programs on which he has served as wildlife correspondent, or made regular appearances including: The Today Show; The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson; Animal Encounters with Jim Fowler, among others. Fowler is actively involved in a nationwide conservation education program for Mutual of Omaha, is a nationally recognized authority on wildlife, and is president of the Fowler Center for Wildlife Education in New York. He believes "the continued existence of wildlife and wilderness is important to the quality of life of humans. The challenge of the future is that we realize we are very much a part of the earth's ecosystem, and must learn to respect and live according to the basic biological laws of nature." Fowler has successfully used television and the Internet to spread his message of conservation. Fowler believes people must learn to understand how their actions impact animal populations and furthermore, and perhaps more importantly, they must realize that their own lives are controlled by environmental factors.

Harrison Ford has been a formidable watchdog for the environment ever since the 1980s when he was introduced to the majestic rain forests of Belize during filming of "The Mosquito Coast." He is now leading a campaign to preserve Belize's Macal River Valley. He has worked with the Riverkeeper organization in New York, and served 10 years on the board of directors of Conservation International and its Global Conservation Fund, which has protected over 100,000,000 acres on three continents. Ford has contributed millions of dollars to wildlife conservation projects in 30 countries. He received a Global Environmental Citizen Award from Harvard Medical School's Center for Health and the Global Environment, a World Ecology Award from the International Center for Tropical Ecology. Personally, Ford has donated nearly 400 acres of his Wyoming ranch for a conservation easement to the Jackson Hole Land Trust.

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LINDBERGH GRANTS

In 2003, the Board of Directors chose nine exceptional research and educational projects to receive Lindbergh Grants in amounts up to \$10,580 (the cost of building the *Spirit of St. Louis* in 1927). Selected from 201 applications, the projects were chosen for their potential to make significant contributions toward improving the quality of life through balance between technological advancement and environmental preservation. Since the program started in 1978, 242 researchers in the United States and abroad have received more than \$2.25 million in funding for their important work.

Major gifts supporting 2003 Lindbergh Grants were received from: **John Knox Bridges**, Newell, N.C.; **Cherbec Advancement Foundation**, St. Paul, Minn.; **Albert Fried, Jr., The Fried Foundation**, New York, N.Y.; **Clare Hallward**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; **Maureen Boles Lloyd**, Darien, Conn; **The Musser Fund**, Minneapolis, Minn.; and **Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stokes, III**, Newtown, Penn.

To Our Associates

2003 was another landmark year in aviation history, celebrating one hundred years of human flight. The Lindbergh Foundation honored the accomplishments of the Wright brothers and those who followed them into the air, by offering our Lindbergh Award to two outstanding individuals of today. We also presented the first award in memory of my mother.

The Foundation remains dedicated to its mission of improving the quality of life through a balance between technology and nature. Our programs continue to provide hope and inspiration to people around the world. We are grateful to those of you who have supported the Foundation financially, through volunteerism, and who have benefited from the Foundation's mission: Lindbergh Award Recipients, Lindbergh Grant Recipients, and all those who learn from our educational programs. You help us share the message of balance.

Thank you for your loyal support. Your confidence in us enables the critically important work of the Foundation to continue throughout our world.

With all good wishes to all of our friends, and with heartfelt appreciation,

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