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Stephanie Davis Waste Reduction Award and Scholarship

Award and Scholarship

With the death a year ago of Stephanie C. Davis, healthcare waste reduction lost a great champion. With the invaluable support of the Environmental Health Fund, Stephanie's colleagues, friends and family established this Award and Scholarship for CleanMed - to recognize and support those in health care organizations who struggle to "green" health care. We are honored at CleanMed 2004 to present our first two award/scholarship recipients, selected through a competitive process, for their accomplishments and their plans to continue health care waste reduction.

Stephanie Davis

As many of you know, Stephanie had a passion for the environment and she directed that passion to waste reduction in health care. Stephanie worked as a garbage and recycling guru for New York Sanitation bureau. Around the same time, she forged a partnership with the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, creating a Garlic Day and causing the New York Times to dub her New York's garlic queen! Stephanie created her own consulting firm - Waste Reduction Remedies. She worked for several hospitals including Alta Bates-Summit Medical Center and Sutter Antioch Hospital - both in Northern California. Shortly before she became sick, Stephanie landed a dream job - working with the San Francisco Department of the Environment on health care pollution prevention. But Stephanie's energies could not be contained by a mere job. She published articles on waste reduction in both the peer-reviewed and the popular press. She volunteered to run conferences, speak at workshops and help her community. Stephanie also believed in CleanMed - and would be delighted to think that this award and scholarship are supporting health care staff committed to her passion: greening the health care system.

The winners of the Stephanie Davis Waste Reduction Award and Scholarship for 2004 are:

Susan Dreiske, Environmental Specialist at *Alta Bates-Summit Medical Center* in Oakland, California

Frank Campbell of the *Washoe Medical Center* in Reno, Nevada