

Press Release

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Photographs available upon request

Venice resident and internationally acclaimed documentary photographer Jim Hubbard was awarded a scroll by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on March 13, 2007 in recognition of his receipt of the prestigious 2007 Lewis Hine Distinguished Service Award from the National Child Labor Committee in New York.

3rd District Supervisor and Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky presented Jim with the award and read the proclamation to the other supervisors. Supervisor Yaroslavsky added that Jim is being recognized for his famous photographs of the poor and dispossessed around the world and his work with homeless youth and children in a pioneering project titled Shooting Back which put cameras in the hands of homeless children so they could produce photographs of the reality of homelessness. Supervisor Yaroslavsky said "the county is proud of Jim and expect he will receive many other awards." Jim is currently the Creative Director of Venice Arts, which offers free programs in the visual arts to low-income youth and receives support from Los Angeles County and Supervisor Yaroslavsky.

Following the presentation Jim told the audience gathered in the chambers that his work with homeless children and other at-risk youth offered an opportunity for them to express themselves through the arts in addition to educating the public about homelessness and other social ills. Mr. Hubbard commended the board for their commitment to helping the homeless in Los Angeles County and pointed out that "homeless children languish on the streets and in shelters and not only need food shelter and clothing, but also educational and creative opportunities through the arts." He noted the generosity of the \$80 million granted by the supervisors for aid to the homeless and added that funding also needs to be granted toward offering programs for homeless youth in the arts.

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