

Welcome to CARE 2006! From the Organizers

Welcome to our little dream...part two! I hope many happy memories are made today. While pondering what I wanted to say in this space this year, I realized my heart was still very much feeling what it felt last year. Forgive me for repeating some of that.

To the awardees today, I would like to say that we are so happy to have you hear...and so proud of what each of you stand for. But, I want you to know you don't need our recognition or this trophy to tell you that you are special. You don't need a casting director to hire you to give your talent and your efforts value. Listen carefully to the messages today, and know that within yourself is everything you need to have a successful and love-filled life. That is what I wish for you.

--- **Paula Dorn**

What a rough and wild year this has been! Since last year's CARE awards, we have been very busy at BizParentz! Our mailing list has grown into the thousands, and our website is expanding by leaps and bounds, thanks to many parents bringing us concerns and submitting new articles. We have assisted 3 states with legislation, appeared on several new shows and done interviews for media around the world. That's been fun!

Sadly, we also had a very big education this year on predators in the entertainment industry, thanks to the rise of the internet. It has been an emotional rollercoaster for many parents, ourselves included. If you are unaware of this issue, which is very specific to our industry, we hope you will take some time with the information on our website, talk with your kids, talk to your representatives, and to other parents. Your child is relying on you to make good business decisions, decisions that will save them from things we never even knew existed a year ago. We don't have to let the bad guys win this one! And we WON'T.

So what keeps us going even when things get, well...depressing like that? Honestly, it's YOU guys, the CARE awardees! We loved seeing your happy faces at auditions this year. We love seeing all the awardees who were relatively unknown last year, and have gone on to star in films and TV series since then! You are doing things right, and it is wonderful to see your success. We are so proud of you! We can't wait to see what this year has in store for each of you!

And to the parents and industry professionals....thank you for supporting BizParentz this year, even when our news was not fun to share. More importantly, thank you so much for supporting our children with your presence today!

---**Anne Henry**