



## Stand On A Better World Awards

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### **STAND ON A BETTER WORLD AWARDS SEEK WOMEN WHO 'DO THE RIGHT THING'**

#### **Tennis Legend Billie Jean King, '20/20' Correspondent Deborah Roberts Among Awards Judges**

SALEM, N.J., April 1, 2007 – Mannington Mills, a leading manufacturer of fine flooring, has announced the call for nominations for the 2007 “**Stand On A Better World**” Awards, which celebrate women who “do the right thing” to make a difference in the lives of people and communities locally as well as globally. Awards and nomination information is available at [www.StandOnABetterWorld.com](http://www.StandOnABetterWorld.com).

“Every year we learn about women who see a way to make people’s lives better and decide to do it – to make an impact,” said Tom Davis, president and chief executive officer of Mannington Mills Inc. “They are the unsung heroes. Some work to improve the quality of life or the economic situations for others, while others help to protect our natural resources. No matter what the cause or how they did it, these women have made an impact and they deserve to be recognized.”

Tennis great Billie Jean King and ABC-TV's Deborah Roberts of “20/20” are among the judges for this year’s awards. Founded in 2005, the Stand On A Better World Awards celebrate women across North America who are making a positive impact in their communities or the world at large. The program offers four award categories for 2007:

#### **2007 Award Categories**

**Local:** The Local Award recognizes efforts from within a local neighborhood to across a single state or province. It celebrates the accomplishments of women who have overcome great challenges to create hope in neighborhoods and communities within their state.

**National:** The National Award is presented for efforts that include more than one state or province, up to a national level. These nominees have taken their dream and made it relevant across many communities.

**Global:** The Global Award recognizes outreach that extends beyond national borders. These global visionaries have overcome the financial, political, logistical and organizational difficulties to offer aid to help the hungry, poor and disadvantaged in some of the most remote areas of the world.

**“Your Better World” Award:** This year for the first time, the public gets to vote! From Aug.15 to Sept. 7, log on to [www.StandOnABetterWorld.com](http://www.StandOnABetterWorld.com) to read about this year’s finalists and cast a vote for the Your Better World Award.

Nominations are being accepted exclusively at the awards Web site, [www.StandOnABetterWorld.com](http://www.StandOnABetterWorld.com), from April 1 through Aug. 1, 2007. Log on to: [www.StandOnABetterWorld.com](http://www.StandOnABetterWorld.com) to read about last year's finalists and nominate your hero.

One winner will be chosen in each award category, and one of those three will be the grand-prize recipient, receiving \$25,000 for the charity of her choice. The other three category award recipients will each receive \$10,000 for their chosen charities. Winners will be announced this October. The awards ceremony for Stand On A Better World takes place Nov. 15 in Philadelphia. Complete information and rules are available at [www.StandOnABetterWorld.com](http://www.StandOnABetterWorld.com). Any U.S. or Canadian female citizen is eligible to be nominated. There are no age restrictions.

The award winners will be chosen by a selection committee that includes:

### **Judges**

#### **Billie Jean King**

One of the great athletes of all time and a champion for social change and equality, Billie Jean King continues to create new inroads for women in and out of sports. In 2006, the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, home to the US Open, was renamed in her honor. In 2008, the Billie Jean King International Women's Sports Center — the nation's first permanent museum dedicated to women's sports — will open in New York. King serves on the boards of the Women's Sports Foundation and the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

#### **Deborah Roberts**

Emmy award-winning journalist Deborah Roberts is a correspondent on ABC's top-rated "20/20" and occasionally serves as a fill-in host on "Good Morning America." She has also substituted on "World News Weekend" and most recently, ABC's "The View." Roberts, who began her network career in 1990, has reported on vital stories around the globe, from medical issues in Africa to social issues in the U.S. She is active in several charitable causes including United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, WIN (Women in Need) and the Broadcaster's Foundation.

#### **Olga Murray**

Murray is the grand-prize recipient of the 2006 Stand On A Better World Awards. She founded the Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation (NYOF), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing life's basic necessities to destitute youth in that region. To date, NYOF has fed, clothed, housed, educated and doctored more than 225,000 children, and had indirect benefits to countless others in those communities.

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