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THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND

welcomes you to

A TRIBUTE TO

U Thant

Secretary General of The United Nations



WELCOME

DAVID A. MORSE, Chairman

*Former Director General, International Labour Organization
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Director, World Rehabilitation Fund*

STATEMENT

PAUL G. HOFFMAN

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GUEST OF HONOR

U THANT

Secretary General of The United Nations

REMARKS

HOWARD A. RUSK, M.D.

President, World Rehabilitation Fund

DECORATIONS

The dolls decorating the tables are from the personal collection of Dr. Howard A. Rusk. This is the first time any part of this collection has been exhibited publicly. These dolls represent more than 1,200 trainees from 100 countries who have had post graduate training at the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center, many under WRF Fellowships. The collection originated 20 years ago when it became a custom for graduating trainees who were leaving the Institute to send back a doll representing his or her country, "So you won't forget me."

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GENEROSITY HAS MADE THIS LUNCHEON POSSIBLE.**



"The social and humanitarian objectives of the United Nations have not received enough attention from the general public during the first twenty-five years of the United Nations' history. They have been over-shadowed by the tremendous political responsibilities which the United Nations has faced in keeping the peace."

"In no field of technical assistance is the need for social action and human solidarity greater than in the field of services to the disabled. Nor is there any other area in which assistance makes a deeper and more personal impact on the lives of the persons aided."

"There are today some 300 million persons in the world who require some rehabilitation services and are unable to obtain them. Wars, an ever increasing number of industrial, traffic and other accidents, the overall effect of population growth and the very progress of medicine in saving human lives add a few million disabled persons every year to the waiting list for rehabilitation services."

"Peace can only become a reality if it is based upon social justice. This is our responsibility: to insure social justice for all men, women and children of every race, creed, denomination and political belief, including the disabled. There can be no nobler aspiration, no greater satisfaction for people able to help than to participate in this urgent global task for humanity."

*Excerpts from the statement of U Thant
October 20, 1971*

OUR BEGINNINGS...

With Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman, Bernard M. Baruch and Albert Schweitzer as its founding chairmen, the World Rehabilitation Fund was established in 1955 by a group of American citizens who believed strongly in the contribution international rehabilitation could make to increasing understanding among the peoples of the world. As originally stated, the objectives of the Fund were to be:

- to cement bonds between allies of the American people on every continent;
- to reduce international tensions by eradication of ignorance, hostility and distrust between peoples;
- to speed independent self-help measures being achieved in underdeveloped areas.

OUR GROWTH WITH FRIENDS...

In 1970 the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies joined with the World Rehabilitation Fund to develop the Rehabilitation Liaison Program with the following objectives:

- To improve the efficiency of the rehabilitation services provided by the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and the World Rehabilitation Fund through increased cooperation and particularly information-sharing and joint planning.

- To increase the amount of funds available for such rehabilitation services from the World Rehabilitation Fund through its solicitation of financial contributions for this purpose from private sources.
- To attempt to increase the amount of funds available for such rehabilitation services from the United Nations Development Programme.
- To induce national governments in their planning and establishment of national goals to recognize the importance of rehabilitation services for the handicapped as part of the process of economic development.

Americans have traditionally regarded problems as opportunities. The vast needs of populations struggling to overcome economic retardation, primitive health conditions and educational handicaps correspond to immense difficulties faced by individuals who set out to conquer serious disability and deformity. Nations and persons alike have found strength to marshal their resources, with friendly encouragement often a decisive spur for gaining triumph over adversity.

The World Rehabilitation Fund expresses the belief of the American people that man's mission on earth is to heal and not to hurt, to build and not to destroy.

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