

I'd like to thank the Citizens Action for Peace for honoring me with this award. It is especially meaningful coming from this group which has stood on the peace corner faithfully every week reminding us that our work is not done. I am very honored that this group finds me worthy of recognition.

To my friends and family who are with me here tonight, thank you. It means a lot to me that you are here and I appreciate it.

I would like to acknowledge those who have worked with me in the following groups :

- FaithActs, a group within the Redlands United Church of Christ, which continues to work and speak out on issues of economic, social and environmental justice.
- Step by Step which works every day to help parolees successfully reenter the community.
- Redlands Democracy for America for their work on political, community and environmental issues,
- and the Redlands Good Neighbor Coalition which, out of love for our community, is diligently working every day collecting signatures on petitions for the Redlands Responsible Retail Initiative – an initiative that seeks to limit the size of big boxes, such as the proposed Super Wal-Mart.

I accept this award on behalf of these groups.

Someone suggested that I say something to inspire activism, so here it is:

There is much to be done in the name of peace and justice and we all need to be involved.

So:

- Think big. You never know what you can achieve until you try.
- Show up – to a rally, an educational forum, a phone bank, the peace corner, or a city council meeting .
- Speak out. Let your voice be heard . And,
- Use your gifts and talents to do what you can, big or small.

Working together, we can make a difference. Thank you.