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Tanenbaum Names New *Peacemakers in Action*

Unknown Peace Actors Who Risk Everything are Recognized

New York, New York –Tanenbaum today announces the 2015 winners of its prestigious *Peacemakers in Action* award, which recognizes religiously-driven individuals risking their lives for peace in some of the world's worst conflicts. This year's winners, from war-torn Yemen and the volatile Philippines, are Yemen's Sheikh Abdulrahman Al-Marwani, a Sufi Muslim, and Maria Ida "Deng" Giguiento, a Catholic peace activist from the Philippines.

"Sheikh Al-Marwani and Deng Giguiento are doing the hard, dirty work that tackles violence head on," says Joyce Dubensky, Tanenbaum CEO. "But most people have never heard of them. As violence and extremism continue to threaten their countries, we are proud to recognize and support their heroism. They inspire and give us hope that peace can be achieved, one step at a time."

For years, Sheikh Abdulrahman Al-Marwani has worked with conflicting tribes in Yemen. He travels without a gun, even though 15 members of his organization, Dar Al-Salaam Organisation (DASO), have already been killed as they pursued negotiations for peace. Half-way across the globe, Deng Giguiento is known for her work in the Philippines and Timor-Leste, where she built peace possibilities between governments and rebels fighting autonomy. Both have been threatened as a result of their work. But they persevere, deeply motivated by their faith and a vision of a peaceful future.

As awardees, Sheikh Al-Marwani and Ms. Giguiento join 28 other courageous [Peacemakers](#) in 22 conflict zones who form the unique *Peacemakers in Action Network*. Through this *Network*, facilitated by Tanenbaum, these fearless peacebuilders collaborate to address global conflicts, sharing expertise and ways to increase their collective impact.

"Both Sheikh Al-Marwani and Deng, as she likes to be called, are outstanding new members of our *Peacemakers in Action Network*," Dubensky said. "I know that they will make our *Peacemakers Network* even stronger as we continue to confront the violent extremism that threatens so many areas of the world."

To learn more, visit: <https://tanenbaum.org/peacemakers-in-action-network/2015-awardees->



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