

- Today is Governor Robert D. Ray's Birthday
- 4th Announcement Robert D. Ray Iowa SHARES Humanitarian Award.
- In front of Painting by Rose Franzen of Maquoketa
- Ray assisted Tai Dam, Rescued Boat People, Rushed food and medicine to starving Cambodians-called Iowa SHARES
- Nicky Schissel who was the co-director of Iowa SHARES and other Ray staff members here

- Especially appropriate – announce this award in Iowa Gallery – honor Iowa Heroes and Events – Humanitarian Assistance

- **Hoover, Europe**
- **Yamanashi Japan**
- **Gandhi-India**
- **Wallace- South America & China**
- **Ray – Indo China**

- Today announce that Iowa SHARES Award Given to two Iowans who have made Iowa the number one state in a program not yet 20 years old
 - Which has already raised \$47 million nationwide impacting 1 million people around the globe
 - Foods Resource Bank was founded in 1999, same year that I retired from the State Department and returned home to lead the World Food Prize

- Went out to see “Growing Projects”
- farmer or groups of farmers or a community come together to pledge a portion of their crop
- Money goes to FRB – then distributes it to 16 efficient and effective development agencies in 30 countries working in poor and developing villages.

- In this way – Iowa farmers are able to directly impact farmers around the world.
- Of the \$47 million FRB raised nationally since 1999
- **\$6.7 million** was raised in Iowa, through **46 “growing projects”** with **150 farmers** involved and about **1,000 volunteers**.

- FRB CEO Marv Baldwin confirmed that Iowa is the **number one state in America** in terms of funds raised and level of participation.
- The two persons who have been at the forefront of this endeavor, that have lead this effort in Iowa, and who richly deserve this recognition as the...
- 2016 Robert D. Ray Iowa SHARES Humanitarian Award Recipients Are: **Rev. Joan Fumetti and Ron De Weerd**

- This award also reflects great credit in all of the participants in FRB “Growing Projects” and other endeavors.
- Geoff Anderson of the FRB Board and John Deere Company has traveled here from Kansas to represent FRB – I would like to offer him an opportunity to say a few words.

- Now I can invite Joan and Ron to come up here with me. *Invite them to offer comments to the press*
- Robert Ray Iowa SHARES Humanitarian Award will be presented at the Iowa Hunger Summit on October 10 at the Marriott.
- Invite Crystal Harris, Director of the Iowa Hunger Summit to tell you about what is planned for that day.

- And to note that the presenting sponsor for the Iowa Hunger Summit is Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and Farm Bureau Financial Services – so appropriate – Iowa Farmers Feed the World.
- Through FRB – Iowa Farmers are also uplifting and assisting farmers in the world.

- Today is Gov. Ray's birthday
- Sing Happy Birthday
- I have sung on Live T.V. – Iowa Press with Simon Estes and Bill Knapp.
- Crystal Harris will lead us in
- All Ray Staff come up join us
- Ice cream on the Mezzanine