

# WINNICK FAMILY *Foundation*

## **Philanthropist Gary Winnick Welcomes U.N. Delegation to Los Angeles**

**LOS ANGELES, CA - July 14, 2008** -- Financier and philanthropist Gary Winnick welcomed a delegation of United Nations Ambassadors to his Los Angeles home.

The ambassadors and diplomats from eight countries attended a reception as part of a three-day trip to Los Angeles sponsored by "U.N. Across America," a program designed to introduce ambassadors and other diplomats to parts of the United States that they might not have the opportunity to visit during their assignments to the United Nations. The program is sponsored by the Humpty Dumpty Institute, an organization that seeks to find creative solutions to difficult humanitarian problems through innovative public-private partnerships.

Along with enjoying Gary Winnick's hospitality, the delegation had the opportunity to learn how private U.S. citizens are using their own resources to support philanthropic initiatives around the world. Included on the guest list were leaders of the California business and philanthropic world, such as noted philanthropists Eli and Edye Broad, architect Frank Gehry, and former Northwest Airlines Chairman Gary Wilson.

The organization's Executive Director, Joseph Merante, formerly a career U.S. Foreign Services Officer, said that the Winnick reception provided a unique opportunity for the delegation to see the interest that many private U.S. citizens share on international issues of importance. He remarked, "As someone who has been stationed in countries around the world, I valued the chance to meet with private citizens in the countries in which I served. They offer helpful perspectives and information that is key to the work of diplomacy."

"Karen and Gary Winnick hosted a cocktail reception for the Humpty Dumpty Institute's 'U.N. Across America' program. Eight distinguished U.N. Representatives came to Los Angeles to meet with leading business and civic leaders and to have a chance to discuss a variety of global issues with citizens of Los Angeles," said Ralph L. Cwerman, President of the Humpty Dumpty Institute. "In keeping with his global perspective, Gary Winnick engaged the diplomats in private discussion on peace and security and public diplomacy. We hope to follow-up these efforts with a private visit by Gary Winnick to U.N. Headquarters in the near future."

Gary Winnick is an international financier and philanthropist with a global investment career spanning more than three decades. As Chairman of The Winnick Family Foundation, Gary Winnick funds such initiatives as The Winnick Family Clinical Research at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, The Winnick International Conference Center, Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem, Birthright Israel, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Winnick Children's Zoo and the Skirball Cultural Center Winnick Hall.

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