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## Joseph E. Marshall, Jr.

Dr. Joseph E. Marshall, Jr. is the Executive Director and Co-founder of Omega Boys Club, a youth organization that emphasizes academic achievement and non-involvement with violence and drugs. Through this organization, founded in March of 1987, Marshall has helped send more than 100 young men and women to college. These students are supported by the Omega Boys Club Scholarship Fund. To date 38 Omegas have graduated from college.

With a growing list of success stories, the Omega Boys Club continues to receive national acclaim. Marshall, staff and members of the club have been profiled in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, *Essence Magazine*, CNN, the Disney Channel, CBS Evening News, McNeil Lehrer Report, and the Oprah Winfrey Show.

In 1990, Marshall was honored at the White House for his success in fighting drugs and crime in his community. Marshall also testified in a violence prevention hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Children, Families, Drugs and Alcoholism in March 1993. As a result of his exceptional work with youth, Marshall now serves on the Advisory Board for the Community Violence Prevention Program (CVPP) at the Harvard School for Public Health. In March 1997, Marshall received a bi-partisan salute from the United States Congress when presented with the Freedom Works Award by Senate Majority Leader, Richard K. Arney, Republican, Texas and seconded by California Democrats Ron Dellums and Nancy Pelosi.

Marshall is the recipient of many other awards including a 1994 Fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, a 1994 Leadership Award from the Children's Defense Fund, and the 1996 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award from the National Education Association.

Along with Denzel Washington, Quincy Jones, Spike Lee, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Robert Moses, Eddie Murphy and Benjamin Carson, M.D., Marshall received the Essence Award in April 1994, honoring African American Men.

In addition to his work with Omega Boys Club, Marshall hosts the syndicated violence prevention radio talk show, "Street Soldiers". The Program is a call-in talk show for youth to speak about and receive solutions to the most pressing problems confronting their communities: crime, gang violence, teenage pregnancy and drugs. The show has been hailed by the *New Yorker Magazine* as a "model for how the entertainment industry can come to terms with violence."

Marshall is the author of the book *Street Soldier, One Man's Struggle to Save a Generation. One Life at a Time*, (Delacorte Press, May 1996) and he and the club are the subject of a documentary on violence prevention entitled *Street Soldiers*, which aired on Public Television stations across America in the Spring of 1997.

Joseph Marshall received his bachelor's degree in both Political Science and Sociology from the University of San Francisco, his M.A. in Education from San Francisco State University and his Ph.D. in Psychology from the Wright Institute in Berkeley, CA. He is currently on leave from the San Francisco Unified School District where he was employed as a teacher and administrator for twenty-five years.

## AWARDS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Author of the 1996 best selling book, Street Soldier: One Man's Struggle to Save a Generation. One Life At A Time.
- Host of the nationally-syndicated violence prevention radio call-in talk show "Street Soldiers"
- Subject of the acclaimed 1997 PBS Documentary on violence prevention, "Street Soldiers"
- Member of the Advisory Board for the Community Violence Prevention Program of the Harvard School of Public Health.
- Recipient of the 1997 Congressional Freedom Works Award from House Majority Leader, Richard K. Arney, Republican, Texas and California Democrats Ron Dellums and Nancy Pelosi.
- Recipient of the 1996 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Award from the National Education Association.
- The 1994 Leadership Award from Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund.
- A 1994 Fellowship from the MacArthur Foundation.
- The 1994 Essence Award from Susan Taylor and Essence Magazine.
- A winner of the Spotlight on Crime Award from the National Crime Prevention Council.
- Testimony before Joint Committee of Congress on Children and Families chaired by Senator Thomas Dodd and Representative Patricia Schroeder on March 10, 1993.
- A White House visit in March of 1990 with President George Bush honoring the Omega Boys Club for its successful efforts in fighting drugs and crime.
- A Commendation in the Congressional Record of the 101st Congress for the Boys Club's efforts in organizing young people to fight drugs and crime in their community.
- Profiles on CBS Evening News, ABC World News Tonight, CNN, the McNeil Lehrer Report, and the Oprah Winfrey Show, and chronicles in the New York Times Magazine, Los Angeles Times Magazine and the New Yorker.
- A Certificate of Recognition from the California State Assembly and the California State Senate.
- A Proclamation from the Governor of the State of Georgia for its efforts in sending young people to college.
- A Certificate of Honor from the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.