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Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Names 2010 Volunteers of the Year

(LOS ANGELES, CA – November 15, 2010) — Ray Brown and Steven Hall have been named the 2010 Volunteers of the Year by [Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership](#), the nation's top not-for-profit youth leadership development organization. The awards will be formally presented at HOBY's 2011 Training Institute in Houston.

Brown is the longest-serving corporate board member of HOBY Montana. "For the past 18 years, Ray has focused on providing the best possible experience for HOBY Ambassadors that reflects on HOBY's core values while serving as a mentor to other volunteers and HOBY Ambassadors," said HOBY President and CEO Javier LaFianza. "Everyone who knows him and has been touched by his dedication knows how deserving he is of this honor."

Hall serves as the mid- and North Florida's corporate board president and the North Florida Leadership Seminar chair. He has held multiple positions at HOBY's World Leadership Congress over the last 13 years and is "always encouraging of other volunteers through his words and deeds," says LaFianza. "Steven has a great, positive attitude and works very hard to foster the idea of one HOBY throughout all sites, HOBY programs and most importantly, the HOBY Ambassadors we serve."

Two volunteers are recognized annually as HOBY's "Volunteers of the Year." Applications are taken through a formal nomination process; and recognition is given based upon years of service, contributions to HOBY, nominator's written comments, and other community service involvement.

Brown and Hall follow 2009 award recipients Baird Krueger of Ohio and Brock Hollman of Iowa. Krueger was honored for more than 20 years of service to his local site with a spirit that "inspires service, compassion and commitment." Hollman was recognized for "making every experience top notch for volunteers and students alike" and for a work ethic and enthusiasm that "makes everyone feel welcome all of the time."

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For more than 50 years, Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership has helped to cultivate tomorrow’s leaders by inspiring a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. HOBY programs annually provide nearly 10,000 local and international high school students the opportunity to participate in unique leadership training, service learning and motivation-building experiences. HOBY also provides adults the opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of youth by volunteering, and today more than 4,000 volunteers and over 365,000 alumni proudly make up the HOBY family. Further information may be obtained at www.hoby.org.

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