

MARTIN S. BEGUN

THE COALITION
OF VOLUNTARY MENTAL HEALTH,
MENTAL RETARDATION
AND ALCOHOLISM AGENCIES, INC.

*Sixth Annual Mental Hygiene
Award Presentation*

1990 Honoree
Martin S. Begun

Wednesday, June 20, 1990

NYU Medical Science Building
Faculty Dining Room
550 First Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Martin S. Begun

We honor on this 20th day of June, 1990, a true public servant and Renaissance Man, Martin S. Begun, and a remarkable career of service and advocacy on behalf of the family of New York. For more than a decade, Mr. Begun has served the New York University School of Medicine as Associate Dean and Vice-President of External Affairs. But his contributions have by no means been confined to the world of academia. His commitment to public service spans many fields - politics, international affairs, ethnic concerns, and health and mental health policy, and his leadership and sound judgement continue to be sought by innumerable public and private advisory bodies.

It is for Mr. Begun's exceptional contributions to New York's mental health community that we pay tribute to him today. Recently completing his fourth term as Chair of the Community Services Board of the New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, he has worked tirelessly to shape a responsive and balanced mental health system for New York City and to ensure the availability of resources necessary to sustain and improve that system. A persistent presence in Albany each budget session, Mr. Begun has used his skills as educator and diplomat to reinforce and enhance the partnership between the public and voluntary sectors. He has also distinguished himself as a member of The New York State Mental Health Services Council, first appointed to that body by Governor Cuomo in 1983.

He walks comfortably with the most powerful among us while never losing sight of the needs and aspirations of our least fortunate citizens. The Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Agencies is pleased to honor Martin S. Begun with our 1990 Mental Hygiene Award.

The Coalition, founded in 1972, currently represents over 100 non-profit agencies, hospitals, free-standing clinics, community mental health centers, residences, settlement houses and rehabilitation programs providing mental health and alcoholism services to more than 350,000 persons in the New York City metropolitan area.

Greetings and Presentations

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The Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health,
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June 11, 1990

The Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health,
Mental Retardation and Alcoholism
Agencies, Inc.
120 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Members of the Coalition:

Thank you so much for your gracious invitation to attend the Mental Hygiene Award Presentation and cocktail reception in honor of Martin S. Begun, to be held on June 20, 1990.

Unfortunately, my schedule has long been planned for that day and I will not be able to attend.

Please convey my warmest congratulations to Marty on this wonderful honor, and I commend your organization on the superb selection you have made for this award!

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

John Brademas
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Senior Vice President for External Affairs

June 21, 1990

Dean Martin S. Begun
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550 First Avenue
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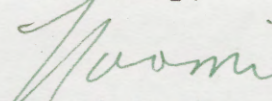
Dear Martin:

I just want to add my congratulations to those of all the people who came to honor you last evening, when the Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Alcoholism Agencies honored you. You certainly deserve that honor and many more.

Over the years I have come to feel so close to you, almost as if you were part of my spiritual family. I only wish our lives were arranged so that we could spend more time together, but somehow we never seem to have the time. But, you are always in my mind and in my heart.

Give my best to Judith and tell her she raised a marvelous son.

Cordially,


Naomi Levine



TARKY LOMBARDI, JR.
49TH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY
12247

June 20, 1990

Martin S. Begun
New York University Medical Science Building
550 First Avenue - Ground Floor
New York, New York

Dear Marty:

I take great pride in joining the applause tonight as you are honored with the 1990 Mental Hygiene Award by the Coalition of Voluntary Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Agencies Inc. and truly regret that legislative business prevents me from being with you personally.

New York State is singularly fortunate to be the recipient of your innovative leadership, unremitting commitment, and compassionate care on behalf of our State's residents. Your talents have never forgotten the vast human potential that the mentally challenged in our State possess. Because of your efforts, they've found an immense richness in life that has opened doors and removed barriers which previously limited the growth of their individuality.

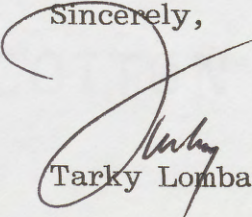
By anyone's standards, you are a remarkable gentleman whose industrious labors have brought distinction to the field of mental health care; and it's impossible to speak too highly of an intelligence, a vision, and deep human kindness which has left such a lasting impression on so many hearts within our great State.

In tipping my hat to you, I honor not only your unique abilities and integrity, but the distinguished man who long ago made the commitment to dedicate his career to the betterment of life for every generation of New Yorker.

With my heartiest congratulations, I wish you abounding happiness and continued success in the years to come.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


Tarky Lombardi, Jr.

TL/m

Senator Carl Levin

July 25

Dear party —

Thanks for your
understanding. Carl
says you were truly
a mensch. You
deserved a smash
hit — and you
got one after all!!

My very best.

Carl

John Brademas
President
New York University

Julius C.C. Edelstein
Senior Vice Chancellor Emeritus
The City University of New York

and

Martin S. Begun
Vice President for External Affairs
and Associate Dean
New York University Medical Center

request the pleasure of your company
at a breakfast in honor of

Her Excellency Violeta Barrios de Chamorro
The President of the Republic of Nicaragua

Monday morning, the first of October
half past eight o'clock

The Baroque Suite
The Plaza
Central Park South at Fifth Avenue
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rsvp (212) 340-5498

Matilda Raffa Cuomo
Executive Mansion
Albany, New York 12202

June 12, 1984

Dear Marty,

Thank you so much for all your valuable assistance during my father's stay at the New York University Medical Center. My Dad's situation was very distressing for the entire family. Because of your constant attention and concern, we all felt a bit more relaxed. You took care of everything and it all ran so smoothly -- this eased the pressure considerably.

The kindness you extended and the wonderful things you did for us will always be remembered. You have our heartfelt gratitude.

Kindest regards,

Matilda

Mr. Martin S. Begun, Assoc. Dean
& Vice President for External Affairs
New York University Medical Center
560 First Avenue
New York, New York 10016



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

November 18, 1983

Dear Marty:

Last January, we promised the people of New York we would begin a massive effort to rebuild this state. Thanks to you, the central part of our plan for achieving this -- the Rebuild New York Bond Issue -- passed.

This was a victory for all New York, and your endorsement helped make it possible. I'm deeply grateful for that endorsement and for all you did.

Sincerely,

Mario

Mr. Martin Begun, President
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York, New York 10028



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

April 16, 1984

Dear Marty:

Thank you for your kind support in raising the legal purchase age for alcoholic beverages to 21. As you know I consider this legislation one of my key priorities for the 1984 legislative session. Unfortunately, a majority of the members of the Legislature remain uncommitted on this bill.

I would appreciate any assistance you could lend in communicating with the New York State Legislature on the importance of this issue. I look forward to working with you on this and other mental health related issues.

Sincerely,

Mario

Mr. Martin S. Begun
Chairman
The City of New York
Community Services Board
Department of Mental Health, Mental
Retardation and Alcoholism Services
93 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

June 5, 1984

Dear Marty:

Thank you for your continued support in raising the legal purchase age for alcoholic beverages to 21.

We are, of course, disappointed by the outcome of the recent vote in the Assembly. However, this setback does not alter my conviction that raising the purchase age to 21 will save lives, and I intend to continue to press for such a change.

I appreciate all that you and the Community Services Board have done to inform others of the importance of this legislation. I hope I may rely on your support in the future.

Sincerely,

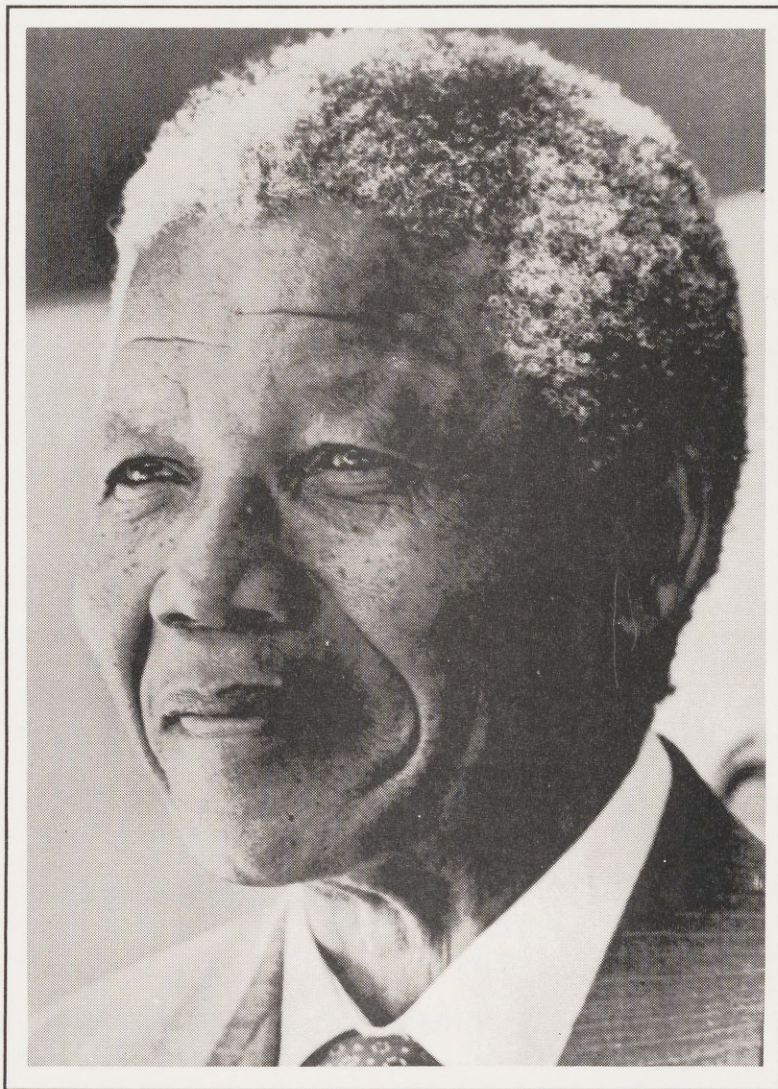
Mario

Mr. Martin S. Begun
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PLATFORM
ADMIT ONE

The City of New York
Welcomes
NELSON & WINNIE MANDELA

City Hall
June 20, 1990



*Ceremony of Welcome
for
Nelson Mandela*

*City Hall
New York City
June 20, 1990*

*David N. Dinkins
Mayor*

Nelson Mandela was born on July 18, 1918, at Umtata in the Transkei region of South Africa. The son of a chief, Mandela renounced his hereditary position and joined the African National Congress (ANC) in 1944. Together with Walter Sisulu and Oliver Tambo, he founded the militant ANC Youth League that same year and led the massive Defiance Campaign Against Unjust Laws in 1952. An attorney, Mandela established a law practice with ANC President Oliver Tambo in 1953.

Although placed under a second five-year house arrest (banning) order, Mandela played a key role in convening the 1955 Congress of the People, which ratified the blueprint for a free South Africa, the Freedom Charter. He was among the 156 leaders charged with treason by the apartheid regime in 1956. He met Winnie Madikizela in 1957 and married her the following year.

In 1960 police opened fire on peaceful African demonstrators at Sharpeville, killing 69 and wounding 180. Many victims were shot in the back. The racist regime banned the ANC and declared a nationwide state of emergency – arresting Mandela and thousands of others. With nonviolent protest now impossible, armed struggle became inevitable. Following his release, Mandela founded Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the military wing of the ANC and traveled to Algeria and Ethiopia for military training. Sabotage attacks began.

Mandela returned to South Africa and operated for 17 months underground, directing military operations and mass resistance. He was arrested in 1962 after his location was revealed to the South African government by the CIA. In 1962, Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Govan Mbeki and other ANC leaders were convicted of sabotage and sentenced to life in prison.

Yet even behind bars Mandela continued to lead – fighting the harsh prison conditions, furthering his studies through correspondence school and serving as role model and mentor to the generations of South African freedom fighters who followed him into apartheid's jails.

His release, along with that of all other political prisoners, became a central demand of the South African people as they continued their struggle through the 1970's and 80's. His stature as the symbol of the South African liberation struggle grew internationally as anti-apartheid activists in the U.S. and Europe stepped up their campaign for the economic, cultural and diplomatic isolation of apartheid.

Caught between the hammer of internal resistance and the anvil of external sanctions, in 1985 the government offered Mandela conditional release. But Mandela rejected the offer, demanding unconditional release and the unbanning of the ANC and other organizations.

Finally, on February 2, 1990, Nelson Mandela was released, and the ANC was unbanned, opening a new chapter in the liberation struggle. Since his release, Mandela has traveled throughout South Africa and the region. Appointed Deputy President of the ANC, he has spoken at the largest rallies in South African history and met with many African and world leaders. He is in the United States to enlist our support for greater solidarity with the South African people, and stronger sanctions until apartheid is abolished and South Africa is free.

Keep the pressure on apartheid.

PROGRAM

“Nkosi Sikelel’i Afrika”	Sechaba Singers
Anthem of the African National Congress	Ms. Jeanette Ndhlovu-Mothobi <i>Director</i>
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	United Negro College Fund Choir
	Mr. Huston B. Owens, Jr. <i>Director</i>
	Mr. Jon Porter & Mr. Harrison Watkins <i>Accompanists</i>
“The Star-Spangled Banner”	Mr. Sherrill Milnes <i>New York Metropolitan Opera</i>
Invocation	Canon Frederick B. Williams <i>Church of the Intercession</i>
Welcome	Dr. Dorothy Height <i>President</i> <i>National Council of Negro Women</i>
Remarks	Mrs. Winnie Mandela
Remarks and Presentation	Honorable Mario M. Cuomo <i>Governor</i> <i>State of New York</i>
Remarks	Honorable David N. Dinkins <i>Mayor</i> <i>City of New York</i>
Remarks	Honorable Peter F. Vallone <i>Speaker and Majority Leader</i> <i>The Council, City of New York</i>
Presentation of The Key to The City	Mayor Dinkins
Address	Honorable Nelson Mandela <i>Deputy President</i> <i>African National Congress</i>
Benediction	Rabbi Myron Fenster <i>President</i> <i>New York Board of Rabbis</i>



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

February 21, 1984

Dear Martin:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 1984 concerning the homeless. Your resolution is very kind and encouraging to me. Your advocacy in support of our efforts to help the mentally ill homeless will help us to implement similar projects in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mario".

Mr. Martin S. Begun
Chairman, City of New York
Community Services Board
Department of Mental Health
Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services
93 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

June 19, 1984

Dear Marty:

Thank you for your support of my proposal to increase the purchase age to 21.

I continue to believe firmly that increasing the purchase age can save lives and prevent many injuries. I will continue discussing the issue and am sure that as more and more of the facts become known, the Legislature will inevitably agree.

Your support on this issue is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mario M. Cuomo

Mr. Martin S. Begun
Chairman
New York City Department of Mental
Health, Mental Retardation and
Alcoholism Services
93 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

October 19, 1984

Dear Marty:

I am delighted that you took the time to express your feelings of support.

Your kind words are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mario".

Mr. Martin S. Begun
NYU Medical Center
550 First Avenue
New York, New York 10016



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

July 26, 1984

Mr. Martin S. Begun
Chairman
Department of Mental Health
93 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013


Dear Martin:

Thank you for your kind and supportive letter of June 12th. As you know, I am very distressed that the bill to raise the legal drinking age from 19 to 21 years of age in the State of New York did not pass the Assembly during the State Legislative Session.

The Community Services Board's support of this bill is greatly appreciated, as is your recognition of my endorsement of the bill. I look forward to the reintroduction of this bill during the next State Legislative Session, and the strong support that I undoubtedly will receive from you and the Board.

All the best.

Sincerely,


Edward I. Koch
MAYOR

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

February 13, 1984

Martin S. Begun
Chairman
The Community Services Board
Dept. of Mental Health, Mental
Retardation & Alcoholism Services
93 Worth Street
New York, N.Y. 10013

Dear Marty:

I want to acknowledge your letter of February 6 and the resolution of the Community Services Board of the Department of Mental Health.

I am very appreciative of the supporting references made to the City in that resolution.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Edward I. Koch
Mayor



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

October 29, 1984

Martin S. Begun
Associate Dean
New York University
Medical Center
School of Medicine
550 First Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dear Marty:

I received your letter dated October 16.

I do appreciate all that you have done to prepare for my trip to Vienna. The press enclosures were interesting.

All the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "E. Koch", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Edward I. Koch
Mayor

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