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## **OLYMPIC SPEEDSKATER DAN JANSEN RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD FROM THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY**

Chicago--The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Illinois Chapter announced it has awarded its 2003 Humanitarian Award to Dan Jansen at the Society's Second Annual *Dream for a Cure* Gala, to be held Friday, May 2, 2003, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Chicago.

Mike Adamle, CBS Sports Anchor and last year's recipient of the Humanitarian Award, Michael Sweig, will present the award. The Humanitarian Award recognizes individuals in the community who are dedicated to finding cures for blood cancers and those individuals who raise awareness for these deadly diseases.

Mr. Jansen was selected as this year's recipient to acknowledge his support of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the mission of the organization.

"It is our privilege to honor Dan Jansen with the 2003 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Humanitarian Award" for his steadfast dedication and contributions to the Society. Dan has given generously of his time and talents over the years," said Kim Carney, Co-Chair for the 2003 Dream For A Cure Gala.

"I'm very honored and appreciative to be receiving this award," said Dan, whose sister, Jane, died from leukemia in 1988 -- on the same day Dan was to compete (and favored to win) in the 500-meter speedskating event at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada.

Six years later at the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, Dan's final quest for the elusive Olympic medal came when he raced to a world record and the gold medal in the 1000 meters. As the national anthem played and the American flag rose in front of him, Dan stood proudly with the gold medal around his neck. He looked skyward to the heavens and saluted, "This if for you, Jane. I love you."

is to keep families together," said the West Allis, Wis., native who currently lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife, Karen. "I'm happy to do what I can to help."

In addition to the awards ceremony, the black tie event will include dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions, with proceeds to be used to fund medical research and support services for blood cancer patients.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society®, based in White Plains, NY, is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services. The Society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since its founding in 1949, the Society has provided more than \$320 million for research specifically targeting blood cancers. For additional information, please contact the Society at (800) 955-4572 or visit [www.leukemia-lymphoma.org](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org)