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## JOHNNY & CINDY JOHNSON TO RECEIVE ISHOF'S G. Harold Martin Award

**Presented by "Every Child A Swimmer" - a Project of Kiwanis International**

Fort Lauderdale – The Awards and Recognition Committee of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) is pleased to announce that Johnny and Cindy Johnson, of Tustin, Calif., are the recipients of the 2015 G. Harold Martin Award, for long and exceptional leadership, insight and dedication to the water safety of children and the cause of making Every Child A Swimmer. The Award will be presented to the Johnsons in conjunction with ISHOF's 51st Annual Honoree Weekend, on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, in Santa Clara, Calif.

"Santa Clara has a great swimming tradition and we are proud to support the relocation of the International Swimming Hall of Fame by sponsoring this award," said Jim Martin, President of the Every Child A Swimmer (ECAS) organization.

"Johnny and Cindy Johnson are true dynamos when it comes to the cause drowning prevention and learn-to-swim education," said Bruce Wigo, ISHOF's President/CEO. "We are honored to have them accept this award in the spirit of G. Harold Martin, and we are grateful for the support of ECAS for making this award possible."

Johnny and Cindy Johnson are owners of Blue Buoy Swim School in Tustin, Calif. It is one of the California's oldest private swim schools and many of their students have achieved elite status in competitive swimming and water polo, including seven who have competed in the Olympics or set World Records.

Johnny is a charter member and past president of the US Swim School Association and co-author of its Infant Toddler course that has been adopted by thousands of instructors worldwide. Johnny & Cindy have been invited to speak on Blue Buoy's unique philosophy and teaching methodology in Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Canada, Mexico, and throughout the United States.

Always concerned with water safety, Cindy and Johnny founded the Swim for Life Foundation (SFL) in 2004 and created the Safer 3 Drowning Prevention program. The Safer 3 message is being used throughout the U.S and gaining international recognition. The Safer 3 Early Education Drowning Prevention Program curriculum is being taught in schools districts & preschools across the nation. Both are on the Board of Directors of the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA). Johnny is a past president of NDPA and President of the SFL Foundation. Cindy is currently treasurer of both organizations, as well as Blue Buoy Swim School.

**About G. Harold Martin:** Back in 1908, G. Harold Martin almost drowned in the Ohio River. Over the next two decades he almost drowned two more times. From these experiences evolved a mission to make "Every Child A Swimmer." His civic involvement led to the building of Fort Lauderdale, Florida's first municipal pool in 1927, Kiwanian sponsored free swim lessons at the

pool and eventually the decision by ISHOF to locate in Fort Lauderdale. An active Kiwanian his entire adult life, he was instrumental in making the Key Club an integral Club within Kiwanis International and the adoption of Every Child A Swimmer as a Kiwanian Project. About Every Child A Swimmer: <http://www.everychildaswimmer.org>

About ISHOF: The International Hall of Fame, founded in 1965, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is a not-for-profit educational organization located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Its mission is to inspire everyone to be a swimmer by promoting the benefits and importance of swimming as a key to fitness, good health, quality of life, and the water safety of all adults and children. For more information about ISHOF, see [www.ishof.org](http://www.ishof.org) For tickets or more information, call 954-462-6536

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