



THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
AT PRESENTATION OF WASHINGTON HEART ASSOCIATION AWARDS  
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Thank you Dr. Kleh.

This is a day of happy and healthy hearts.

I am delighted to present the first "Good Heart" Awards of the Washington Heart Association to these 2 fine boys.

#### MEDICAL MIRACLES

What a wonderful recovery they have made from open heart surgery. They prove that the miracles of modern heart surgery have now become almost commonplace.

These operations still involve superb professional teamwork and skill, but they have become so successful that there is no reason to fear them.

TODAY'S AWARDEES

This is a day of personal reunion -- for me -- with young Stephen Rod, age 10. I recall meeting with him 7 years ago after his first heart operation.

And I am so pleased to see young Mark Roosevelt, age 11, here. What an illustrious name he bears. My congratulations to him, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rod.

VOLUNTARY LEADERSHIP

To Mrs. Roosevelt, Honorary Heart Sunday Chairman and to other representatives of the Washington Heart Association who are present -- my thanks for their wonderful work.

Like your parent body, the American Heart Association, the work of your local Association is invaluable. You support heart research, you sponsor professional and public education programs and perform a wide variety of community services.

A CITY OF PRESSURES

You are needed, particularly because Washington is a city of pressures, of stress, of round-the-clock work which can take a heavy toll in hyper-tension, in coronary and other ailments.

HEART MONTH

In just 2 days, we will observe February -- American Heart Month. It is a fine time to recall our progress in reducing America's No. 1 killer -- heart disease and stroke -- and, yes, to remind ourselves of the long way we still have to go.

THE TRAGIC TOLL

Here in the District of Columbia alone, heart and blood vessel diseases took 3,850 lives in 1965 -- the most recent year for which figures are available.

In 1966, heart disease took a million lives throughout the nation. This was more than all other diseases combined.

INSTITUTE IN BETHESDA

Here with us today, representing our great National Heart Institute in Bethesda is an outstanding surgeon, Dr. Nina Braunwald. We are mighty proud of you, Dr. Braunwald and of the National Heart Institute. The National Institutes of Health as a whole, symbolize America at its very best -- America, the humanitarian leader, America, the scientific leader, America, the hope of the world.

OUR PRESIDENTS

We Americans recall with gratitude that two of our Presidents -- Dwight D. Eisenhower and Lyndon B. Johnson -- both successfully recovered from heart attacks. What an incalculable blessing -- to the world -- that medical science saved for us -- these great men for decades more of useful service.

President Johnson's busy life -- his crowded schedule -- his ability to stand up under the heaviest burdens of history -- prove both his strong physique and the achievement of medical science.

All over the land, we are fortunate to have great numbers of other Americans who have been saved -- for long and fruitful lives.

TEAMWORK FOR CIRCULATORY HEALTH

So, good luck and happy, healthy hearts. Let's work together -- through voluntary and official cooperation -- to keep the pulse and the heart-beat of America strong and vital.

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