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**Senator Dole receives awards for support of Hospice, Disabilities and Nutrition  
April 25, 2006**

Washington, DC: Former Senator Bob Dole received three separate awards this past week for his work on behalf of hospice, people with disabilities, and nutrition and hunger issues.

**National Hospice Foundation Award:** Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Medicare Hospice benefit, the National Hospice Foundation honored Senator Bob Dole on April 18 for his leadership role in enacting that breakthrough legislation. Senator Dole, along with The Honorable Leon Panetta, The Honorable Bill Gradison, and The Honorable John Heinz (posthumously) were the National Hospice Foundation's Silver Anniversary Honorees. Senator Ron Wyden was presented the 2007 NHPCO Public Policy Award on behalf of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

For more information on the National Hospice Foundation, please visit [www.nationalhospicefoundation.org](http://www.nationalhospicefoundation.org)

**The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR):** On April 24, Senator Dole was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation for his longtime support of people with disabilities.

For more information about CSAVR, please visit [www.rehabnetwork.org](http://www.rehabnetwork.org)

**Center for Budget and Policy Priorities:** On April 24, Senator Dole was honored by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for his contributions to strengthening programs that help low-income families, particularly in the area of nutrition, while promoting long-term fiscal discipline. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and commemorated the 30th anniversary of the reforms achieved by the Food Stamp Act of 1977. The award was presented by Senator Dole's former colleague, Senator George McGovern, who was Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs during the late 1960s and '70s while Senator Dole served on that committee and the two Senators worked together on key reforms in nutrition and hunger policies.

For more information about the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, please

visit [www.cbpp.org](http://www.cbpp.org)

To view a video on the history of the Food Stamp Program, please visit

<http://www.cbpp.org/foodstamp-video.htm>