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The Blue Heron Foundation Scholarship Program: We're Proud of our Graduates



Blue Heron Scholarship recipients, Iasi 2009

For the past four years the efforts of our organization have been focused on the Blue Heron Foundation Scholarship Program. This program awards college scholarships to orphaned and abandoned young men and women who go on to study in Romanian universities. It is a one of a kind program, never before conceived or implemented in Romania.

Recent Romanian studies* show that there are over 70,000 abandoned and orphaned children who are in the care of the state. Of those, approximately 4,000 are age 18 and unfortunately the majority leave the state care with minimal or no life skills, no job skills and certainly not a college education. Our program supports between 35 to 50 students every year in 9 of Romania's 41 regions: Iasi, Suceava, Bacau, Brasov, Sibiu, Bucharest, Prahova, Cluj and Constanta. Our scholarship recipients pursue majors in many specialties, including economics, engineering, social studies and medicine.

The Blue Heron Scholarship program covers college tuition up to 600 USD/year, monthly stipend of 55 USD, and, for those whose tuition fees are waived by the state due to outstanding performance, we cover English, computer and driving license courses of up to 400 USD/year. In addition, each student in our program is paired with a mentor, outstanding members of the American or Romanian communities, who become a pillar of support and encouragement for our students. They correspond at least monthly through a "monthly report" and some of them talk on the telephone or even meet. In an effort to instill the importance of giving back, we are also requiring 5 hours of volunteer work per week from each student. This volunteer work is usually conducted in other orphanages where they help with homework and, in the process, serve as role models of ambition and higher aspiration. Later on, their volunteer work is usually conducted within companies and organizations that are aligned with their areas of study.

The worthiness and effectiveness of this program is brought home to us again and again on our yearly trips to Romania and when we hear about our scholarship recipients' efforts shared in their monthly reports. We are now seeing the long-term fruit of our labor, a true labor of love. Students in our program are graduating and becoming independent, confident adults. They are committed to learning and achieving so they can break the cycle of poverty and abandonment as well as possessing a vigorous determination to give back to their communities

* Source: General Directorate of Social and Child Protective Services, December 2008.

The Blue Heron Foundation Scholarship Program Continued...

and to our foundation. We invite you to read their testimonials in this newsletter and see our students' incredible trajectory over a four year period, thanks to our united efforts, generosity and determination. We also invite you to envision expanding our program to additional regions in Romania and to many more deserving young men and women.

Valentine's Day Charity Ball: Blue Heron's Fundraising Event in Bucharest



HRH Princess Margarita of Romania,
Camelia Sucu, Mike Costache,
Stefania Magidson

February 16, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel in Bucharest, Romania. There was celebration in the air. Everyone attending the Valentine's Day Ball – the donors, the students, the guests, and organizers -- was cheering for an extraordinary accomplishment. Together, we had succeeded to offer some talented and resourceful young people a chance to the life they deserve.

The Ball celebrated the success of an initiative unique in Romania: the Blue Heron University Scholarships Program finances college educations for teenagers who grew up in orphanages. We also wanted to bring to the public's attention how little it costs to change a destiny, and how much you can receive by giving. It was an important step in attracting and expanding a community of donors who support our way of offering the most beautiful gift to the less fortunate: an education.

The event was sponsored by Maserati, Netjets and Sunseeker. Her Royal Highness Princess Successor Margarita of Romania handed Mrs. Camelia Sucu, President of Class Living, the 'Forget-Me-Not' humanitarian award for generous contributions to society. "Gifting is in each one of us. Being receptive to the needs of many people in our country is a duty," Mrs. Sucu said. Princess Margarita had received this award in 2006.

The words of Stefania Magidson, President and founder of the Blue Heron Foundation, inspired the audience: "No one can be so affected by the economic depression that they can't find a way to be there for the ones who need us most, the ones stepping into adult life after a childhood and adolescence marked by deprivation and abandonment. We are investing in these people's future, so that they can become independent, responsible members of society. We are all in it together. This investment is the shortest way to the well-being of us all!"

Mike Costache, fundraising director of the Blue Heron Foundation, got involved with our effort from the very beginning, and played an important part in the foundation's decisions and accomplishments. His sustained efforts, together with those of Valentina Ionescu, Alexandra Arnautu, and the entire volunteers' team, played an essential part in the event's success.

The most touching moment of the evening was when three of our graduates, Maria Pricopie, Laurentiu Sabu and Cristina Porsega, shared with us what the Blue Heron scholarships, offered with the generous support of our donors, meant for each of them: "With the conjoined efforts of the Blue Heron donors and mentors, a child's dream is coming true, a child who otherwise wouldn't even dare to dream it," said Cristina Porsega, who is now attending a Master's program in Social Assistance Management, at the West University in Timisoara.

The guests were invited to support the Foundation financially or as mentors. For the amount of \$1200, a student is sponsored for an entire year, the amount covering college fees and personal expenses. What sets the Blue Heron Foundation aside is the fact that 100% of the money donated goes directly to the students, because the founders of the organization cover all of the administration costs.

We all left the ball that evening with renewed hope and confidence. We were happy for the success of the event, for the enthusiasm it generated, but, most important, for proving that the Blue Heron program has a deeply felt impact in Romania. Our hope is to expand the program to other needy children, and to continue the partnership of resources, both in the US and Romania. We invite you to help us accomplish our dream!

This event was organized in Bucharest on February 16th, 2009 by Mike Costache, BH strategic and fundraising director, by Valentina Ionescu, TV producer and host of TVR 1's VINERiSTAR and by Alexandra Aranutu, managing partner, If Magic.

A Message from the President

Dear Blue Heron supporters and scholarship recipients,

I am thrilled and grateful to witness everyone's continuous generosity and commitment to all of our Blue Heron Foundation efforts. Thank you all so much for your consistent involvement and support.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you as well as our admiration to all of the scholarship recipients. In spite of unbearably difficult childhoods which continue to color their lives and in spite of so many on-going shortcomings, they have stayed the course and continued to give their all at school and in life. You have demonstrated a tremendous amount of strength and ambition and we are all very proud to be able to award these scholarships to such worthy individuals.

My deepest thanks goes out to our donors, mentors and the many who volunteer their services both in the United States and in Romania. Because of your continuous generosity, in spite of economic hardships, our program is thriving. As you know, every dollar donated by you goes directly to our cause, as the founders continue to pay 100% of Blue Heron's organization costs. Our steady growth is making a profound impact in the lives of many disadvantaged young men and women. Thank you so much for all you constantly do to support the Blue Heron Foundation projects.



Stefania Magidson

Sincerely

Stefania Magidson

President, Blue Heron Foundation

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The goal of our foundation is to maximize the size of our annual grant by keeping our expenses as low as possible. This aim has been realized through the effort of many dedicated Blue Heron members, along with the generosity of the following supporters:

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Bianca Elena Constantin

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Dear Blue Heron supporters,

I would like to congratulate the Blue Heron scholarship recipients for their seriousness and ambition to continue their studies, in spite of all life's difficulties.

I want to encourage them to follow their dreams of perfecting in the fields they have chosen and I am confident that they will find the strength to remain as motivated to study and evolve despite their childhood's strained circumstances.

I want to thank all those who stand by us and support the Blue Heron Foundation projects, for their generosity and their prompt responses each time we asked for their help.

I am very grateful to the Blue Heron founders for granting me the title of Ambassador of the Foundation.

This title honors me and I am proud to represent a foundation that conjoins the efforts of Romanian people from all over the country and of Americans as well, in improving the quality of life for the abandoned children in Romania.

I would like to wish best of luck to all the scholars in the 2009 – 2010 study year and reassure them that I will do anything in my power to support and encourage them!

Sincerely,

Bianca Elena Constantin

Miss Universe Romania 2009

Blue Heron Foundation Ambassador

Mihaela Constantinescu

One year ago, following a very inspiring global leadership seminar, I felt a strong desire to contribute to a cause that would improve the quality of life for a group of people, preferably young people, somewhere in Romania.

A set of circumstances led me to discover the Blue Heron Foundation and Mrs. Stefania Magidson, its president. As I read the foundation's purpose, I felt a strong urge to be part of it. The school year had already started and there was an immediate need for action. It was intense, and I found it challenging to work from a distance, not knowing either the students or their mentors personally.

But ideas started to flow in: inspiration, excitement, all signs that I was doing something in alignment with my intention.

In February of this year, I had the privilege to participate in a special fund-raising event the Blue Heron Foundation held in Romania. The visit that followed in the two cities with the largest number of students, Suceava and Iasi, changed everything. Personally connecting with each one, made a world of difference for me, and I believe for them too.

My entire work following that event dramatically changed for the better. Besides supervising the mentorship program, I chose to also be a mentor for a young woman from Suceava. The opportunity I had, in both circumstances, to provide guidance, to offer feedback and to share from my knowledge and experience with them, have been deeply fulfilling and have given my life a very special meaning.

Being a mentor to a young student who started life deprived of family warmth, guidance, support, and understanding, has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had so far. Doing it in Romania has only doubled the gift, re-awakening in my heart the love I have for the land I call "home".

Mihaela Constantinescu is the director of the Mentorship Program.



Mihaela Constantinescu



Ionut Virlan

Ionut Bogdan Virlan

I have been a Blue Heron scholarship recipient for three years. I wish to share with you the wonderful experience I had and continue to have with this wonderful foundation.

To me, Blue Heron meant and still means moral and intellectual support that, above all, have cultivated in me a sense of responsibility for everything around me.

My mentor, a Romanian gentleman from the US, a resilient man who is an example in his own community, has been like a father to me. He inspired me with moral principles and gave me advice that I will cherish

my entire life. I wish to use this opportunity to thank him from all my heart for everything he did for me. I kindly thank all of those involved in the Blue Heron Foundation for all the trust and patience they have shown during this time and of course their generosity.

To me, they are my family and I am happy to share with them each month all the accomplishments and the challenges I face.

Ionut Bogdan Virvan has been a BH scholarship recipient since 2006. He received a mechanical engineering degree from G. Asachi University, Iasi, in the summer of 2009. He is now furthering his studies in the same field by pursuing a Masters degree.



Florin Petachi

Florin Petachi

My story begins somewhere in a small town named Hirtau. I was born on May 16th 1988 and God gifted me with the talent of painting. My only family is my mother and sister. I lived without knowing my father, who left us when I was 5 years old. I missed him very much and I think that has made me become an introverted person. I couldn't understand how come other children had a father and I didn't.

As a child, I used to scribble a lot, but nobody really paid any attention. During elementary school, I became more interested in drawing. My teachers would scold me for not having clean notebooks and all my pages were full of sketches (I used to draw hats, people, dogs, and trees).

Starting with the 5th grade, I began to draw passionately. I also started to attend Barzu Bogdan's painting studio. He has guided my steps and took me under his artistic wing of protection. Under Mr. Barzu's guidance, I started to participate in national contests of traditional arts and crafts. I received numerous prizes. Unfortunately, our financial situation at home was unbearable, therefore I set my life's purpose to become a painter and help my family. The everyday living was getting harder and harder for my mother. In the 8th grade I was seriously wondering what I was going to do. My mother couldn't afford keeping at home anymore.

Under these circumstances, I ended up at the Bucium placement center*. The good part was that I had the chance to progress in the artistic field. I attended the Octav Bancila Art College in Iasi. During this period I started to participate in national and international contests, as well as in "School Olympics"***. I received many national awards and three international ones that I am all very proud of. A great number of painting exhibitions have followed and they made me see where there was room for improvement in my style. At the end of high school, I passed all my exams, including my certificate exam, all with great results.

Because of my outstanding high school results, I was admitted to the George Enescu Arts College in Iasi without an entrance exam. During my first year in college, I became a Blue Heron scholarship recipient. I have been extremely happy to be part of the program. Now, I am a senior year student at the same college, majoring in painting. Thanks to my Blue Heron scholarship, I can afford the necessary materials for my painting. It is such an extraordinary thing for me not to worry about the materials. I also especially cherish the artistic guidance and moral support from my Blue Heron mentor, Mr. Sutu.

After my graduation, I wish to attend a Masters program, continue painting and exhibit my work. I dream of becoming a great artist whose works are exhibited all over the world, to be well-known, but also healthy. I will never forget the help I received and will help others in my turn. I will be happy to make another soul happy.

Florin Petachi is a Blue Heron Scholarship recipient since September 2007 and attends the George Enescu Arts College in Iasi.



Florin Sutu

Florin Sutu

What a joy, to give water to a thirsty young man!

When someone thirsty for knowledge is calling for you from somewhere in this world, because you mean something to them and they count on your advice, it is more than a satisfaction, it is pure joy.

Thanks to the Blue Heron Foundation I found out that happiness, even for a brief moment, has the beauty of a smile, the power of a friendly hand shake and the warmth of a hug.

Florin Sutu

Florin Sutu is Florin Petachi's mentor. He is a recognized artist in Romania and abroad.

* The term orphanage is not used anymore; state institutions where abandoned children are cared for are called "placement centers".

** Romanian "School Olympics" are academic competitions at school, regional or national level.

Cristina Porsega

My visit to the US has been equally unexpected and beautiful. I never really gave any thought to seeing the US one day, the "land where all dreams become reality." I never did until I boarded the plane heading out to L.A.

The purpose of my visit in LA was to showcase, using my own life experience, to current and potential BH members, what this organization is doing for some Romanian students and how impactful it is.

What impressed me were not so much the high rises, the beautiful homes and very wide streets, but the experience of people that made these happen; the experience of people who were able to build a comfortable life for themselves out of nothing else than sheer perseverance and belief.

Alongside the privilege of visiting some of the most well known places in the world, such as Beverly Hills and Hollywood, I also received an invitation which brought me a lot of joy. This year I will be completing my Masters degree in social work, which will bring to a close my time as a BH scholarship recipient, but Stefania proposed that I become even more involved with the BHF by becoming the Assistant Program Director. While I was under Blue Heron's wing I had the opportunity to benefit from what they offered but I didn't understand the process and effort that go into making this a reality. I really had no idea until I got to see the details of the program and what it took to raise the money and implement ideas; it is extraordinary work that deserves much appreciation.



Cristina Porsega

Among the responsibilities I have, the most sensitive and fulfilling one is that I will have the opportunity to get to know some of the BH scholarship recipients better by answering their monthly reports.

There is a story about a young man who was walking on a beach covered with starfish. From time to time he would pick up a few and throw them back into the sea. He was asked what was the point of doing so, when it was clear he could not save all of them. He answered that even though not all would be saved it was worth the effort for the ones that were to reach water again and be saved.

This is what I believe the Blue Heron Foundation is doing for Romania. It will not succeed in saving all orphan students but the effort is certainly worthwhile for the few whose lives will be changed.

Cristina Porsega has been a BH scholarship recipient since September 2005. She is currently finishing her Master's in Social Work and is Blue Heron's Assistant Program Director.

Gigel Marcu

First of all, I would like to thank you for all the help in the past four years, during which I have managed to receive a good school education and also moral and financial support.

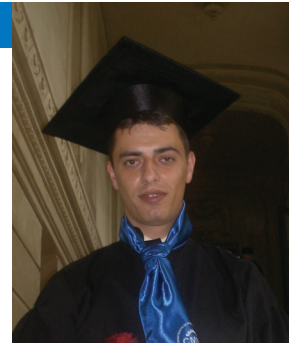
Even though I spent my childhood and the first school years in an orphanage in quite difficult conditions, I have always been dedicated to study and succeeded to have good and very good results. I promised myself I would do everything in my power to obtain a high degree of professional accomplishments. In high school, I chose a technical profile to increase my hiring chances. During my second year of vocational school I have participated in the "Vocations Contest" and I have come up the first in school and third in the county. At the end of vocational school, with the support of the C.O.T.E Foundation in Iasi, I managed to pass the necessary exams and I was admitted to study at the Nicolina High School in Iasi. I also completed my high school examinations with fairly good results which allowed me to be accepted to college.

In 2005 I joined the 'Gheorghe Asachi' University, specializing in Machinery Construction. After three years, while supported by the Blue Heron Foundation, I achieved good professional competences and became an engineer in the machinery construction field.

In the future, I intend to get a job in this field. At present, I am continuing my studies within a Master's program, in order to specialize. Thanks to your support, my life has been given a new chance.

I am proud of myself for succeeding and graduating from college and I am looking forward to the prospect of working in a team of professionals. Thank you!

Gigel Marcu is a BH scholarship recipient since 2006. In the summer of 2009 he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and is now pursuing his Masters in Engineering at the G.Asachi University in Iasi, Romania.



Gigel Marcu



Cristian Malanciuc

Cristian Malanciuc

I have been a Blue Heron scholarship recipient since September 2005. In the beginning, I didn't have high hopes but I thought it was worth trying. I met such nice people with open hearts, always ready to help me when needed.

The financial support offered was a big help. The monthly stipend I received as well as the financial aid which covered my English, IT and driving license courses helped me become a man able to hold his head up high in the job market, after my graduation. I learned to use the computer at a professional level. I acquired a driving license and learned to communicate in English at a satisfactory level. As a student under the wing of the Blue Heron

Foundation, I always felt there was a door open to me and someone there to offer help. I was motivated to finish my university studies and to participate in any form of professional training that I could use for the future.

Through Blue Heron Foundation I meet Olivian, my mentor, who, after 4 years of support, has proven to be a model for me. Words of appreciation are not enough. He was and remains a "big brother" for me.

Now I've graduated and I have a good job. I feel that the Blue Heron Foundation support was not in vain. I want to thank all those involved in this project.

Cristian Malanciuc has been a Blue Heron Scholarship recipient since September 2005. He received a degree in mechanical engineering at the Gh. Asachi University in Iasi, Romania. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in the same field.

Olivian T. Pitis

I joined the BH mentorship program about three years ago, out of a desire to help somebody capable but less lucky than most of us. I also wanted to reconnect and make a difference, however small, in my native country Romania. Looking back, I can say that I reached these goals - but boy, was I in for a surprise! The experience was so much richer and more satisfying than I expected, I feel that I almost cheated by getting out of it more than I put in.

My mentee, Cristian Malanciuc, turned out to be an ambitious, industrious, intelligent young man who had lost his parents at a young age but who nevertheless managed to get into a reputable technical college in Iasi, Romania. He was putting together his career plans for after graduation when we first talked and over the course of the next three years I saw his plans coming to fruition. Cristian now has a job where he is highly valued, and is pursuing a graduate degree at the same time. Over the last three years, I thought I was providing a sounding board for him, but I did not expect that the inspiration and satisfaction that I would get from our interactions would mean so much to me.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a positive difference, I highly encourage you to consider helping the BH foundation, either by donating your time or your money to its cause.

Olivian Pitis is Cristian Malanciuc's mentor and an investment counselor for Halbert Hargrove Group in Long Beach, CA.



Olivian T. Pitis



Maria Pricopie

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Maria has been under the care of the Child Protective Directorate of Bacau since the age of 4, when her mother died of unknown causes. She and her two sisters have been moved from one placement center to another for almost ten years, until they could finally settle themselves in the 'Pro Familia' center.

When she turned 20, Maria learned that her estranged father had passed away. Without the help of an adult relative, Maria and her sisters decided to organize a burial for their father. She used the money from her Blue Heron stipend to pay for the funeral.

Yet, nothing kept her from dreaming of a better future and moreover, the difficulties gave her strength to fight for her ideals. She graduated from the Public Administration College in Bucharest, is currently following a Master's program and working full time as a PR Manager.

For Maria, the Blue Heron scholarship meant the chance to build her life on the solid ground of a college education. "Blue Heron gave me the chance to follow my dream and fight life's challenges with an armor that no bad weather or even the sharpest weapon can pierce: my profession".

Maria Pricopie has been a Blue Heron Scholarship recipient since 2005. In the summer of 2009 she graduated with a degree in Public Administration.

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The Blue Heron Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life of abandoned Romanian children and providing them with greater access to life's opportunities.

How Can I Help?

- Become a member: by contributing \$500 or more annually. Please fill out the included envelope.
- Become a contributor: donations of any size are welcome. Please fill out the included envelope.
- Become a mentor to a Blue Heron Scholarship recipient: read and write back to monthly reports sent by your assigned student.
- Support with services: your talents with website and graphic design, writing, translating or any services that would help our organization further its mission are greatly appreciated.
- Host a salon by inviting potential new members. Please contact us at 310.275.2217.

Although annual membership contributions are not due until April 2010, we welcome your donation before the holidays.

Donations made before the end of this year are tax-deductible for 2009!

Other Ways You Can Help from now until December 31

ANASTASIA BEVERLY HILLS: beauty products, <http://anastasia.net>:

Anastasia is donating 20% of the purchase price to Blue Heron Foundation when you shop for beauty products at her website. Anastasia has been an avid supporter of Blue Heron's efforts since 2002. She is the recipient of the 2004 Blue Heron Foundation Forget-Me-Not Humanitarian Award. Anastasia Soare is widely referred to as "The Definitive Eyebrow Expert", and that is for good reason. Over the years she has achieved iconic status in the beauty industry for her unique and revolutionary way of shaping the eyebrows. Anastasia's Beverly Hills salon has built on a steady flow of celebrity clientele which include the likes of Oprah, Madonna, Jennifer Lopez, Naomi Campbell, Jada Pinkett Smith, Melissa Etheridge, Penelope Cruz, Sharon Stone, and others. **You can also visit her store at 438 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

IOANA URMA: water paintings, holiday cards, <http://ioanaurma.com> <<http://ioanaurma.com>>. Ioana is donating 20% of the purchase price to Blue Heron. BLUE HERON supporter and friend, Ioana Urma is a talented illustrator, architect and artist with degrees from Cornell and MIT. These limited edition prints are from a recent televised solo-exhibition at the Frances Howard Goldwyn Library in Hollywood, California entitled "Landscapes and Personalities: What Do You See?" In this interactive show, exhibit viewers were asked to participate in naming this selection of 20 (Bio-Organic) Narrative Paintings, painted from 1996 to 2009. Ioana Urma's art and design work focuses on inspiring curiosity and the imagination through sensory and spatial experience, on providing art to the general public, on integrating it into public spaces (such as the library) and into uneventful everyday routine. She strongly believes that we need to experience meaningful, beautiful things on a daily basis.

MALONE MILLS: photography, <http://malonemills.com>. Malone will donate 20% of the purchase price to Blue Heron Foundation. Please contact Malone Mills at malonemills@gmail.com to get information on sizes and prices. There are also additional works available, besides the ones shown on the website. Malone Mills is a professional fine art photographer. Her works were shown at the Frank Pictures Gallery in Bergamot Station in Santa Monica, CA, as well as other galleries. Malone Mills' work touches the metaphysical and ethereal, photographing "orbs". Mills' work is the dialectic between the unknowable and the perfectly described. She is a member of Women In Photography International and received two honorable mentions in their juried exhibition "the portrait". She has also been featured in InStyle, Los Angeles Magazine, C Magazine and Angeleno magazine. She studied photography at New York University and earned a BA in fine arts there. Malone Mills will donate 20% of the purchase price to Blue Heron.

ALEXANDRA NECHITA: lithograph, included in e-mail. Alexandra is donating "Peace is Not An Option" lithograph on paper, valued at \$3,500. Size: 30.75" X 22.75". The entire amount of purchase price will be donated to Blue Heron Foundation. Please contact Stefania Magidson at smagidson@blueheronfoundation.org. Alexandra Nechita was born in Romania in 1985. She began drawing at the age of two. At seven, Alexandra was painting with oils and acrylics, and her first exhibit was a one-woman (child) show held at a Los Angeles public library when she was just nine years old. Alexandra's talent was instantly recognized as capacity crowds came to see her amazing and often monumental paintings. She attracted the attention of art critics and the media who began telling the world about this rarest of child prodigies. Her honors and awards include: "Outstanding Artist of the Year: Painting", NuBreed Synergy of the Arts, Lincoln Center, New York, "The Most Fascinating Women of the Year," CBS TV, New York "Outstanding Young Person Award," Osaka, Japan "100 Most Interesting People," People Magazine "UNICEF Gift of Songs," New York "Gold Key," Van Gogh Institute, France "Light of the Future," Imagination Celebration, NEA, NASA "Woman of the Year," American Red Cross "Geniuses," Arts & Entertainment Network "Special Olympics Award" "Lifetime Achievement," FOX TV. **For additional information on the artist and her work please visit <http://www.allucra.com>.**

DR. LILIANA CEREPNALKOSKI <http://www.DrLiliana.com> Dr. Liliana will donate 50% of her medical intuitive consultations, life journey and relationship consultations fees. Please mention Blue Heron Foundation when scheduling an office visit. Dr. Liliana is a pioneer in the fields of medical intuition, energy medicine, human consciousness and transformation. A gifted clairvoyant and a physician-scientist with a diverse background of study in general medicine, cancer research, AIDS research, intuition, spirituality and metaphysics, Liliana easily bridges the realms of Science and Spirit.

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