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SAN FRANCISCO-AREA LOCAL RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS ANTI-GENOCIDE FELLOWSHIP

Martina Knee one of twenty nationwide picked to lead organizing against world's worst crimes

WASHINGTON –Genocide Intervention Network today announced that San Francisco –area local Martina Knee has been named a Carl Wilkens Fellow. The unique fellowship recognizes community leaders who possess the commitment to fight genocide and the potential to make a difference in the lives of people in Darfur, Burma and other areas around the world. Launched this year, the fellowship will provide Knee with advocacy training, access to experts and an organizing grant.

Carl Wilkens was the only American to stay in Rwanda through the entirety of the Rwandan genocide. Despite warnings from the American embassy, Carl risked his life and stayed in Rwanda to try to help the people he had come to know and love there.

Knee is a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition and a retired corporate and securities law attorney. She was born in Vienna, Austria, and has also lived in Washington, DC, and Chicago. She has a B.A. in Psychology from UC Berkeley and a JD from the UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). While practicing law, she represented US clients in transactions and business operations in several countries in Europe and in Canada, Australia and Japan.

Wilkens said, “Change begins with one. So few people in America were aware of the Rwanda genocide at the time it was happening, and even fewer were equipped to do something to end it. That’s why I’m so excited that Martina has been selected to join this year’s class of Carl Wilkens Fellows. I know she will be a lifelong leader in the movement to end genocide.”

About Genocide Intervention Network – The Genocide Intervention Network is working to build the first permanent anti-genocide constituency in the United States, mobilizing the political will to stop genocide when it occurs. Accessible online at www.GenocideIntervention.net, GI-NET empowers individuals with tools to stop genocide through education, fundraising for civilian protection and advocacy efforts.