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## Yank Barry, from "Louie Louie" to Nobel Peace Prize Nomination

Renowned Canadian humanitarian Yank Barry, has been nominated for the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize.



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Mr. Kiril Gorianov, Deputy Chairman of the International Arbitration Court nominates Yank Barry for the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize.

In a recent interview with Mr Gorianov, he was asked why he nominated Mr. Barry for this prestigious honor and especially pointed to Libya in 2006 and 2007.

“Mr. Barry is a man of action, who has dedicated himself to building a global movement for peace, based on his belief that the challenges facing our world can ultimately be overcome only through the solidarity and concrete actions of ordinary citizens like himself to reduce world hunger and consequent violence. Such solidarity, bringing together people’s hopes and aspirations for a better future, has the power to transform the direction of history and bring into being a new era. In my estimation, Mr. Barry has made an undeniable contribution to World Peace.”

Mr. Barry has never held public office. He is a private citizen and founder of Global Village Champions Foundation. He went to Libya on the invitation of the Secretariat of the General People’s Committee in 2006 and 2007. Barry met with President Muammar Gaddafi to begin negotiations for release of five captive Bulgarian nurses and one Palestinian medical intern sentenced to death for conspiring to infect over 400 children with HIV in 1998 and causing an epidemic at El-Fatih Children’s Hospital in Benghazi. Barry returned to Libya on six occasions till May 2007 at his expense and met key Libyan officials including Gaddafi. He donated \$60,000.00 to rent a farm for AIDS children and helped sway Gaddafi to do the right thing because in Barry’s words, “at the end of the day it was Gaddafi’s call, whether they are put to death or go free.” Eight weeks later the six were extradited to Bulgaria and freed.

Born in Montreal in 1948, Yank Barry spent 30 years in the music industry as a singer, composer, arranger and producer. Barry was the lead singer of the Kingsmen in '68 and '69 and continues to sing Louie Louie to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars at over 100 charity events with such back-up singers as Alice Cooper, Lou Rawles, Ben E. King, Gary U.S. Bonds, Brian Johnson (ACDC), David Foster, B.J.Thomas, Brian Hyland, Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.

Barry founded VitaPro in 1989 and while expanding the distribution of his soy product around the world, he encountered people whose desperate living conditions touched his heart.

Barry created Global Village Champions Foundation with dear friends Gary U.S Bonds, Muhammad Ali and his wife of 20 years Yvette. Many other celebrities have joined. Over 601 million free meals plus medical supplies have reached refugee camps, orphanages and areas struck by disasters.

In 1997, Barry delivered life-saving food, medical supplies, clothing and other necessities to the "Our Lady of Fatima Rehab Center of Liberia" in Cote D'Ivoire where Sister Beltran was caring for 480 mostly-disabled refugee Liberian children. Barry, Yvette, Gary U.S. Bonds and Ali flew into war-torn Liberia/Monrovia, met President Charles Taylor then to Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire. They met President Henri Konan Bedie for a pass to go through rebel territory. They delivered a 6 month supply of food, medical supplies and equipment and clothing to Sister Beltran's mission (they were down to their last 6 days of rice).

In 2007, Barry met with the South Sudanese Military and personally delivered food with the use of chartered airplanes to war torn South Sudan amid violent conflict.

On January 12, 2010, within hours of the Port-au-Prince, Haiti earthquake Barry delivered his first donation of aid to Haiti personally with members of the Bahamas Red Cross.

Over the next five weeks he worked closely with Haiti Relief, Haiti Red Cross, Haitian Rotary Club, and the United Nations and breaking all the rules, flew in through the UN side of the airport delivering lifesaving supplies without having to clear customs and waded through mountains of paperwork. Aid got to the people who needed it most, immediately. Adventist Hospital and other places got anesthetic, antibiotics, pain relievers and sterile dressings to the value of \$1,000,000.00 of Barry's personal funds.

In 2010 Yank Barry did the unthinkable in the Bahamas where there were approximately 30,000 gang members in Nassau alone. Barry set up a meeting at the Robin Hood Super Food Store and with the help of Sandy Silverman, CEO of Robin Hood, and several radio stations brought gang leaders together for the first time in one place. He donated a total of 40 tons of food which the gangs then distributed in their opposition's territories. Peacefully and without involvement of the police or the Bahamas government. It transpired that many of the members had no idea why they hated each other. He had a tangible impact on the crime rate in Nassau. Barry invited some of the gang leaders to his home on Old Fort Bay as well. This led to several gang members accompanying Barry to Haiti with food, water and medicine.

Survivors of the tornadoes that tore through Alabama in March, 2011 and the 100 year floods that ravaged Thailand have also benefited.

Global Village Champions Foundation has been a vehicle for many celebrity "Champions" to achieve something bigger than they could have individually.

From Japan, where he was a first moving provider of supplies in March 2011 and is still helping the people of Fukushima, Barry said; "It is wonderful to know that someone appreciates your efforts enough to say thank you. The nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize is an amazing expression of gratitude. My goal for years has been to create a day without hunger on a Global scale. Thankfully I have a team of champions backing me up. No-one should go hungry. Not in our World."