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Dr. Kishore receives Community Builder Award

Dr. P.S. Kishore, president and founder of the National Library of Addictions, was awarded with the D. Elton Trueblood Community Builder Award for his support and devotion to the Fresh Start Recovery Coalition, at the coalition's annual Friends and Family Thanksgiving Event on Monday, Nov. 19.

Kishore was recognized for his commitment each year to helping the Fresh Start Recovery Coalition build healthy communities for individuals suffering from alcoholism, drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, physical or psychological handicaps or disabilities.

Adam York, owner and president of Saturn of Medford, was a co-recipient of the award, recognized for his organization's continued support and contributions to the Fresh Start Recovery Coalition and the community.

Dr. David Elton Trueblood was an author, educator, philosopher and theologian, and also lifelong member of the Religious Society of Friends. He opened the Earlham School of Religion in 1960 and called for the reinvigoration of religious faith as the essential force necessary to sustain the ethical, moral and social principals on which a humane and livable world could be built.

He also founded the Yokefellow movement, a series of retreat houses across America and in several foreign countries. The



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Fresh Start Recovery Coalition Executive Director Damion P. Smith honoring National Library of Addictions Founder and President Dr. P.S. Kishore with the D. Elton Trueblood Community Builder Award.

Yokefellow movement also included a special "ministry to prisons," which in turn meant the development of several halfway houses, places where those coming out of jail could go for support in their transition back to society.

"Dr. Trueblood was inspirational in teaching and writing about the human condition," said Kishore, who has helped treat more than 140,000 addicts. "It is an honor to receive an award commemorating his life's work, and we have tried through our work at the National Library of Addictions to honor the principles he lived his life by, namely helping others and creating a better world."

"Dr. Kishore has committed himself to treating patients struggling with drug and alcohol addictions," said Fresh Start Recovery Coalition Director

Damion Smith. "His work gives testimony to how Dr. Trueblood's message of serving others to strengthen a community can still be accomplished today."

The Fresh Start Recovery Coalition's annual Friends and Family Thanksgiving Event, at which Kishore was honored, is held because the coalition found that Thanksgiving is one of many times in which individuals who are suffering from substance abuse find themselves working toward creating a better life while dealing with alcohol and drug related problems. They often find themselves having to resist the temptations of alcohol that are present at holiday settings with friends and families, so the event was established to give them a sober environment in which to enjoy the holiday.