

Acceptance of Commndation
presented by Jamaica Hill Community Association
to Kevin A. Keefe on 15 December 1981 8pm
at the Margret Tietz Nursing Home

"to show gratitude of friends and neighbors in the community, for efforts to maintain a safe neighborhood"

In receiving this commendation I would like to make a few brief remarks:

First, I want to express gratitude to my two roommates who on two recent occasions joined me in interrupting and pursuing persons who had just committed a crime in our neighborhood. I am grateful to Scott Shamesman and Mathew Hogan for their efforts to maintain a safe neighborhood - and also for personally encourageing me by their immediate and spontaneous assistance. This feeling I also have for our neighbors who came out of their homes to offer us support.

Second, I am grateful to you and the members of the community who are offering me this commendation. I do appreciate it personally and more importantly I appreciate the award's symbolism. It shows the high value the Jamaica Hill Community Association placed on service to the community by individual members. I believe it is only by an attitude of Service that we can have a safe community. Your encouragement to me and other members of the Jamaica area who benifit our neighborhood is important to build a sense of true community.

Also, I want to give special attention to the police who on two occasions responded quickly to calls for assistance and offered their support. I know that ours is a big neighborhood to cover and the number of calls received by our police makes it difficult to be everywhere they are needed.

Finally, the person that I feel most grateful for and the one who is really deserving of this award, which I value highly, is Sri Chinmoy. His love for this community and devotion to the principles of honest civic duty - and self-giving are a constant inspiration to me. The principles and actions he and his students, my friends and colleagues, support, like the good goals and actions of the Jamaica Hill Community Association, are the necessary ingredient for a strong and safe community and city.

Thank You.