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DENVER – Victor Dukay, Ph.D., president of the Lundy Foundation, has been honored for his humanitarian work by the University of Notre Dame.

Dukay received the 2011 Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award, which is given annually to a Notre Dame alumnus “for outstanding service to humankind.” The university’s alumni association praised Dukay’s work to fight HIV/AIDS and improve the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa.

“I am moved by Vic’s selfless commitment to do what he can to alleviate suffering in Africa, an area that’s often forgotten by the western world,” said Brian Bates, a Denver attorney and Notre Dame Alumni Association board member who nominated Dukay for the award. “Vic was given many gifts, and he uses them very well.”

Dukay, who earned an economics degree from Notre Dame in 1978, formed the Lundy Foundation in 1991 to assist Denver-area HIV/AIDS service providers and gradually expanded the foundation’s scope. In 2005, Dukay helped guide Tanzanian AIDS orphans as they created a village center where they received nurturing and care.

In 2008, the Lundy Foundation helped convince Congress to fund program evaluation as part of an important international AIDS relief bill, PEPFAR. Dukay is now volunteering some of his time to pass legislation that would require all U.S.-funded foreign assistance programs to evaluate their effectiveness and impacts.

Most recently, the Lundy Foundation helped create an international partnership called Test & Treat to End AIDS (www.ttea.info). It plans to demonstrate that an aggressive new approach to diagnosing and treating HIV can virtually halt its spread.

“I believe in the power of hope,” Dukay said in accepting the Dooley Award. “Every problem, no matter how great, can be solved by coupling human ingenuity with respectful cooperation. My life work is about creating new, improbable intersections where compassion, knowledge, power and courageous action unite in an unstoppable force for beneficial change.”

The Dooley Award, given since 1984, is named after the Notre Dame graduate and physician who gained fame in the 1950s for his humanitarian work in Laos and Vietnam.