

Awards and Grants

A staunch advocate for sick children, Francesca has achieved the following in her quest to make the public aware of the Children's Skin Disease Foundation and its mission:

Francesca was chosen to tell her story on the nationally televised Montel Williams Show which aired repeatedly during 2007.

Each year, nine remarkable young adults, who have taken action to measurably strengthen their communities, are rewarded by the Do Something Brick Award. Francesca received the award at their Gala in New York City on April 2006 with a grant going to the Children's Skin Disease Foundation (CSDF).

Searching for a poignant story to be told, Michael Media Productions in Los Angeles and their sponsor, Kohl's Department Stores, chose Francesca's story about the Children's Skin Disease Foundation. They featured Camp Wonder and CSDF in a one hour nationally syndicated television special, The Transformation Nation in 2006.

The San Francisco Chronicle featured Francesca and the Children's Skin Disease Foundation as the recipient of the Bay Area Jefferson Award for making a difference in the community in 2006. The CSDF story, profiled in The San Francisco Chronicle, was featured on CBS5-TV and KCBS-AM 740 Radio, which along with The Chronicle, are Jefferson Award media partners.

In Glamour's forty-eighth annual competition, Francesca was named one of the "Top 10 College Women to Watch for" in Glamour Magazine in 2005 featuring women about to take the world by storm.

Francesca was among one of five honorees at the Diablo Magazine's Threads of Hope Award at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Northern California, in recognition of her dedication, hard work and caring attitude which strengthen the fabric of our community. Francesca accepted this award for the children, supporters and volunteers of CSDF who exemplify commitment and compassion for the cause.

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