

# UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the United States Lifesaving Association, a national organization of lifesavers dedicated to the humanitarian cause of saving lives in the aquatic environment, presents this

## **National Lifesaving Award** to **Long Beach Lifeguard Association** **Project Ecuador**

In December of 2006, veteran Lifeguards Paul Dunning and John Pearce of the Long Beach Lifeguard Association developed *Project Ecuador* a program aimed at training Ecuadorian Lifeguards. In fifteen months Dunning and Pearce trained 39 lifeguards, met with Ecuadorian officials and instituted paid lifeguard services in Playas Ecuador.

In February of 2008, nine American Lifeguard volunteers helped safeguard massive crowds Playas during Carnival.

As a result of *Project Ecuador* drowning death at Playas have been significantly reduced; from 14 deaths in 2006, no fatalities in 2007 and one fatality in 2008.

For their professional efforts at developing lifesaving in Ecuador, the United States Lifesaving Association presents this National Lifesaving Award to veteran Lifeguards Paul Dunning and John Pearce and the Long Beach Lifeguard Association



Presented: October 16, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Chris Brewster".

**B. Chris Brewster, President**  
**United States Lifesaving Association**