

# Be a Hero for a Better World



"Silence in the face of injustice  
is complicity with the oppressor."  
-- Ginetta Sagan

## Ginetta Sagan (1925-2000)

Ginetta Sagan is a Holocaust survivor who helped found Amnesty International USA. She helped win the release of thousands of political prisoners all around the world, including Vaclav Havel, the president of the Czech Republic and Kim Dae Jung, South Korea's president. She successfully lobbied for legislation against torture including the Prisoner's Bill of Rights. Ginetta encouraged people to write to prisoners of conscience, as when she was imprisoned during World War II, after being raped and tortured, someone smuggled into her cell a loaf of bread that contained a matchbox and a note that read, "Courage! We are working for you." That note helped her endure the torment until she was rescued, and for the rest of her life remained the mantra that drove her on to help others. Ginetta Sagan received numerous awards including the International Humanitarian Award and in 1996, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Amnesty International USA established the Ginetta Sagan Award for women's and children's human rights to honor "ordinary" women who have the courage to try to change the world.

Ginetta Sagan was born in Milan, Italy on June 1, 1925

### Be A Hero For A Better World!

1. Find out more about this hero
2. Hold an event to raise awareness about human rights issues
3. Contribute to organizations working to defend human rights

### Human Rights Organizations

- Amnesty International ([amnesty.org](http://amnesty.org))
- Carter Center ([cartercenter.org](http://cartercenter.org))
- Human Rights First ([humanrightsfirst.org](http://humanrightsfirst.org))
- Human Rights Watch ([hri.org](http://hri.org))
- Rights International ([rightsinternational.org](http://rightsinternational.org))
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ([ohchr.org](http://ohchr.org))
- Witness ([witness.org](http://witness.org))
- Women's Human Rights Net ([whrnet.org](http://whrnet.org))

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