## **Sigrid Noack**

**Jimmie Heuga Award 2006** 

Citation: We respectfully nominate Sigrid Noack for the Jimmie Heuga Award. If you know Sigrid, you know that she has a strong dedication to the service of others, whether it is through her volunteering with The Unrecables (a club in LA Council whose members are physically disabled), volunteering her time at the Access Center (a computer center for the disabled) or UCLA Medical Center. Her dedication to helping others exemplifies what the Jimmie Heuga Award stands for.



Sigrid began her volunteering career with the Big Sister program and Reading & Recording for the Blind. Then she became active with California Handicapped Skiers' Foundation and later as a member of the Board of Directors for the United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC).

About 12 years ago Sigrid became involved with the Unrecables, the LA Chapter of Disabled Sports USA. Since that time she has been a major driving force of the Unrecables, has served twice as the club President and held many other positions of leadership for the club. Sigrid has been a ski instructor for the disabled (blind skiers, bi-ski and mono-ski) and has worked countless hours on fundraisers for the Unrecables and disabled skiers as a public relations specialist and as fundraising director. She is still actively involved in the Unrecables.

In 2001 Sigrid volunteered to create and chair a new FWSA committee which would coordinate charitable and community activities at the club and council levels and identify worthy charities for future FWSA support. She identified three worthy charities (Disabled Sports USA, Special Olympics and the Jimmie Heuga Foundation) and created a webpage explaining how to get involved with links to each charity. You can read Sigrid's webpage at www.fwsa.org.

Sigrid's efforts have created a greater awareness of the contribution that our organization and our individual members make to our communities. This awareness extends beyond our membership and our region. As a result of Sigrid's efforts, the FWSA Charities and Our Communities Program serves as a model for other snowsport organizations and enhances the image of FWSA in the ski industry.