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# FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY

## 25 MEN WHO HAVE MADE IT EASIER FOR WORKING PARENTS TO RAISE AND NURTURE CHILDREN

This month marks Father's Day, when many of us pause to honor dads—our children's and our own fathers—who do so much to brighten our lives. But this year we at **WORKING MOTHER** decided to use this occasion to also give special recognition to those many men who have fought long and hard to change the way corporations, and society in general, deal with work-family issues.

To that end, we have selected 25 men (most of them fathers) from *all* areas of society—from the boardroom to the classroom, from the halls of Congress to the hills of Hollywood—who have been instrumental in the ongoing battle for quality child care and more sensitive work-family programs. What makes all of these men worthy of inclusion is their personal devotion to improving the lives of working parents and children, and their ability to influence or create work-family policies that have far-reaching effects on the country as a whole.

Some of this year's honorees include CEOs such as Lewis E. Platt of Hewlett Packard, who has expanded flexible corporate policies and committed his time to spreading the word about why these policies make good business sense. We salute labor leader John Sweeney of the AFL-CIO, who has worked hard to make family-friendly benefits a standard part of union contract negotiations. Others leading the push for improved conditions for children and families include politicians such as Connecticut's Senator Christopher Dodd: Without his stick-to-itiveness, the Family Medical and Leave Act might easily have died. To these men and all of our honorees, we say well done—and don't give up the fight!

BY KALIA DONER

### child care

**RICHARD STOLLEY**, President of Child Care Action Campaign; Senior Editorial Advisor of Time Inc.

Since he was a kid reporter in Pekin, Illinois, at age 15, the now-seasoned journalist and editor Richard Stolley has covered many heartrending stories: "I landed with LBJ in Vietnam, was almost killed by mortar fire in the Suez Canal," he says. But few assignments engaged his intellect and emotions as intensely as his current role as president of the Child Care Action Campaign (CCAC) advocating children's right to quality care. "In this land of plenty, you could succumb to anger and despair when you realize that families have to make do with such lousy child care," he says. But Stolley expresses hope. "There's no question that business is starting to 'get it.'" Under Stolley's leadership, CCAC has established child care advisory panels in all 50 states. The group also led a media campaign that helped convince Congress to add \$8 billion in child care funds to welfare reform legislation and preserved nutrition programs and health and safety rules. Every day children reap the benefits of Stolley's dialogue with corporate leaders, lawmakers and editorial boards as he works to convince the business community that supporting quality child care is in its own best interest.

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