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Danny Glover

Goodwill Ambassador



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"... during all my other trips around the world I will carry out my responsibilities as Goodwill Ambassador by telling of the suffering I have seen." - Danny Glover

An internationally acclaimed actor and producer, Danny Glover is also well-known for his advocacy and philanthropic efforts in healthcare, education and economic justice. He has supported United Nations campaigns focusing on poverty, disease, and economic development in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, Mr. Glover was appointed a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador on 20 September 2004.

On behalf of UNICEF, Mr. Glover has visited orphans and vulnerable children and others in developing countries who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. He has also participated in a number of fundraising and advocacy events for UNICEF in Latin America and the USA.

As Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Glover has seen the devastating effects of landmines on children in Ethiopia. "It is the most painful thing to see how young children become collateral damage of wars," he said. Mr. Glover has recorded public service announcements about the impact of landmines and HIV/AIDS on children. His outreach has been a powerful part of UNICEF's advocacy around the world.

Activity highlights

Danny Glover was born and raised in San Francisco, California. His parents were active members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a civil rights organization.

Mr. Glover made his off-Broadway debut in 1982 in Athol Fugard's Master Harold and the Boys, a play about apartheid in South Africa, for which he won a Theatre World Award. By the mid-1980s, he had established himself as a talented cinematic actor in films such as Places in the Heart, Silverado, Witness and The Color Purple. He further broadened his appeal when he teamed with actor Mel Gibson in the Lethal Weapon movie series. Later works include Grand Canyon, The Rainmaker, Beloved, DreamGirls, Be Kind Rewind and Blindness.

In 1990, Mr. Glover earned the Independent Spirit Award for best male lead in To Sleep with Anger, for which he was also the executive producer. He has received multiple NAACP Image Awards for his film and television achievements. His Emmy Awards nominations include those for the lead role in the HBO movie Mandela, the acclaimed miniseries Lonesome Dove and the television movie Freedom Song. He also received a Daytime Emmy nomination for outstanding directing of a special for Showtime's Just a Dream, about a young boy's coming of age.

In recognition of his lifetime dedication to public service, Mr. Glover was given the 2002 Marian Anderson Award. He is on the leadership team of the Vanguard Public Foundation in San Francisco. He is chairman of the board of TransAfrica Forum, an African-American lobbying organization for Africa and the Caribbean.

Danny Glover lives in San Francisco

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