

All In the Family

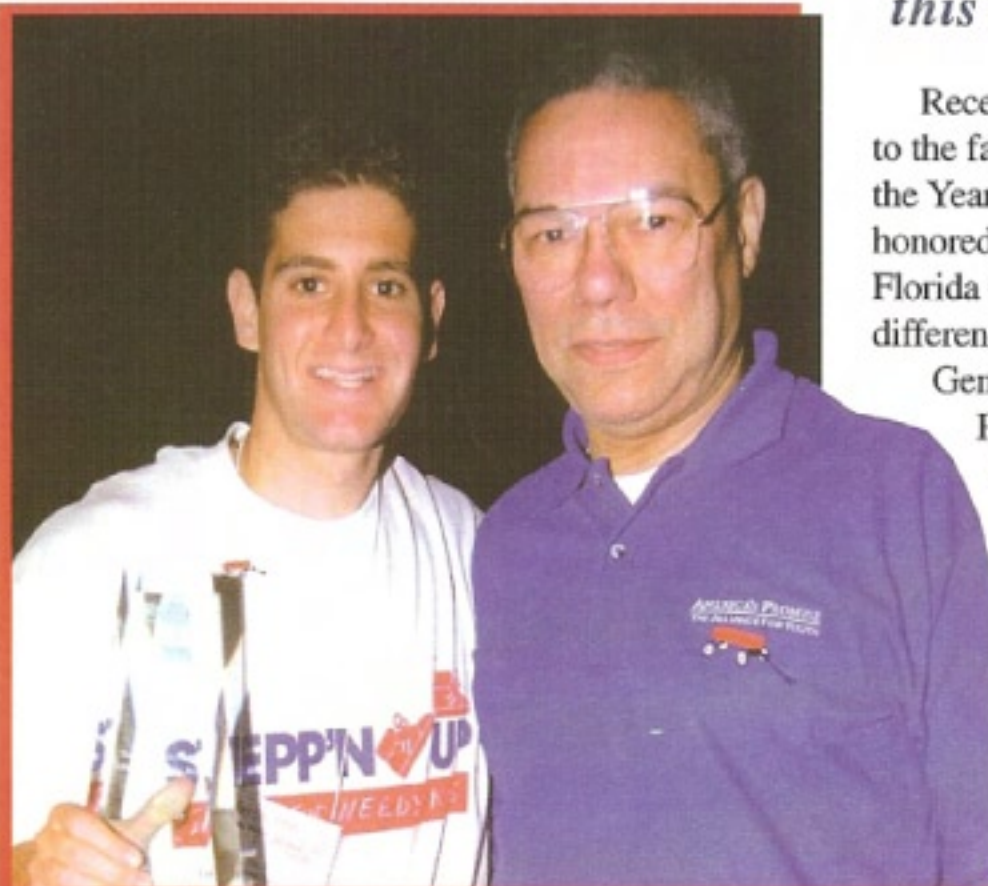
General Powell Salutes Perlyns With National Honor

The family of Eric Perlyn, the young man whose selflessness led Lois Pope to create LIFE, recently was honored with the Daily Points of Light Award for its efforts to solve local and national social problems. A dynamic family of five from Boca Raton, the Perlyns — Marilyn and Don and their three children, Chad, 22; Eric, 19; and Amanda, 16 — have made tremendous contributions to improving the lives of South Florida's children and families.

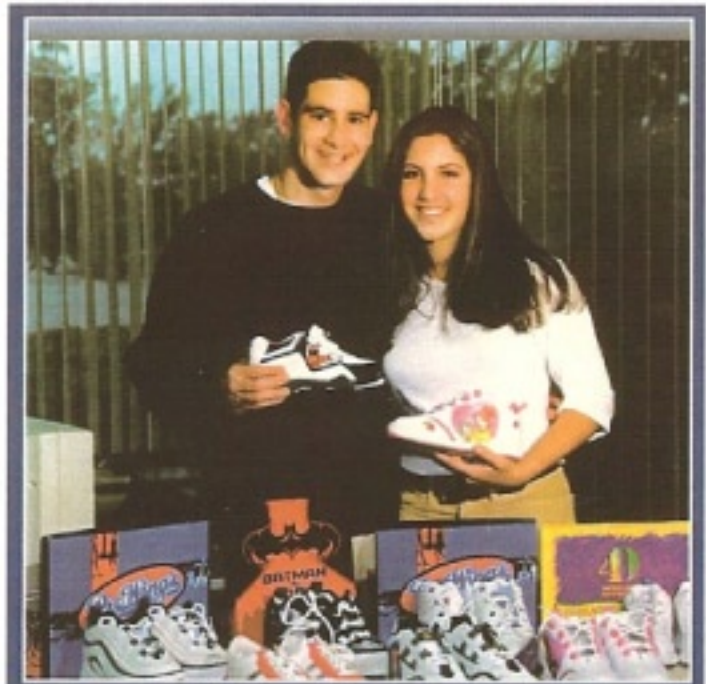
At age 13, Eric used his bar mitzvah money to donate shoes to underprivileged children and later founded Stepp'n Up, a charitable organization that collects and distributes shoes to needy kids. Mrs. Pope read a newspaper story about him and the idea of establishing a charitable organization began to form in her mind. Now a student at Duke University, Eric has implemented his program in Durham, N.C.

The Points of Light awards program was started during the Bush Administration and is carried on today by The Points of Light Foundation. The award recognizes outstanding citizens nationwide who devote themselves to community service, much in the spirit of Leaders In Furthering Education.

"We are very proud of the Perlyn family for earning the Daily Points of Light Award," said Mrs. Pope. "The Perlyns have contributed so much to our community and to LIFE. They are truly deserving of this prestigious, national honor."



A GENERAL SALUTE: Eric Perlyn proudly stands next to Gen. Colin Powell.



A GIFT TO LIFE: Eric and Amanda Perlyn donated 100 pairs of sneakers to kids attending LIFE's 1998 Summer Day Camp program.

Recently, Eric and Amanda Perlyn added another trophy to the family's collection: a Good Hands Florida Volunteer of the Year Award. The Perlyns are among the nine Floridians honored in 1998 by Allstate Insurance Company and the Florida Commission on Community Service for making a difference in the lives of youth.

General Colin Powell, chairman of America's Promise, which matches enthusiastic youths with corporations to implement service programs, personally congratulated the dynamic brother-sister duo for their admirable work.

Chad, the elder brother, now a medical student at the University of Miami, founded DOC ADOPT, a program that matches children in need of medical and dental care with local doctors who donate their services.

Keeping the family tradition, Amanda started To Have & To Hug, which gives stuffed animals to needy children, when she was 8 years old.

LIFE also salutes the Perlyns!