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Dear Friends:

The Olender Foundation has benefitted from Paul Berry's superb service as host or emcee for about half of our 26 annual awards events and we were fortunate to book him for this December's annual awards event. We usually have 300-500 attendees and the awards event is held in a theater setting with dinner following. Over the 26 years, we have held the awards many times in the Kennedy Center and the Ronald Reagan Convention Center as well as in various Washington hotels. Probably half of the attendees are regulars and they keep coming back. They obviously love Paul. There is no one better at taking charge of the stage, the participants, the musicians, and the audience. He is equally adept in dealing with unknown, unsung heroes we honor and our stars such as Muhammad Ali, Jerry Lewis, Denyce Graves, Buzz Aldrin, Christopher Reeve, Ambassadors, Judges, Congressmen, Mayors, Miss Americas, etc.

The only other host/emcee we have regularly utilized was Larry King when he lived in the D.C. area. And for a number of years, Larry and Paul split host/emcee duties with Larry running the program until he had to leave for "Larry King Live" and Paul taking charge after finishing his newscast. In my view, Paul Berry is the number one host/emcee in this part of the country, well-known and loved by many, many people. I hope he and I are able to continue doing the Olender Foundation Awards for many more years and I highly recommend him to other non-profits as well as businesses, professional groups, and associations.

Sincerely,



Jack H. Olender