



**Mike Farrell**, well known for playing B.J. Hunnicutt on the award-winning television series, *M.A.S.H.*, developed an interest in human rights long before his success as an actor. His volunteer work at a Salvation Army rehabilitation center in the late 1960's gave him an appreciation for the plight of people often written off as outcasts and derelicts.

He soon became involved in a number of organizations devoted to prisoner's rights and penal reform. A visit to death row at Tennessee State Prison left a strong imprint and taught him that despite the serious crimes

alleged against them, death row inmates were still human beings, with the same fears and feelings that affect all of us.

Farrell later became active in Death Penalty Focus (DPF), a non-profit organization dedicated to the abolition of capital punishment through grassroots organizing, research, and education. He has been president of DPF since 1994 and instrumental in commuting the death sentences of many mentally ill and wrongly accused inmates across the country. In addition to a busy speaking schedule, he has made numerous appearances on radio and television shows including *Larry King Live* and *Politically Incorrect*. He also been honored with many awards for his work, including, most recently, the Southern California ACLU Garden Party Award and the 2002 Gleitsman Foundation Citizen Activist Award.

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113 men and women have been released from death row in the last 20 years after being exonerated.

To try a capital case costs \$2.8 million, over twice the cost of life in prison. The U.S. is one of only 6 countries in the world to sentence children to death.

- Death Penalty Focus, [www.deathpenalty.org](http://www.deathpenalty.org)

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**The Death Penalty:  
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welcome

Surjeet Rajendran

introduction

Rosalyn Sayaman

keynote presentation

Mike Farrell

questions & answers

closing

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