

# The Annual NARTH Sigmund Freud Award:

Dr. Harold Voth's Acceptance Speech

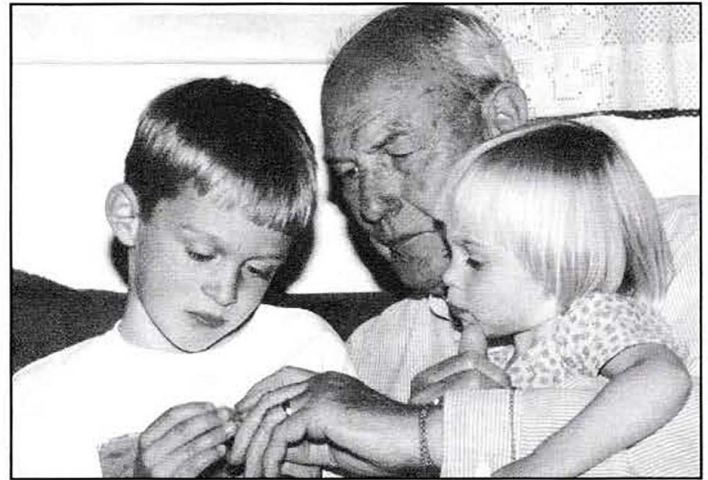
## "Nature is on Our Side"

*At the NARTH Conference in Los Angeles last fall, Dr. Harold Voth was awarded the 1998 Sigmund Freud Award. At that time, he responded to the audience as follows:*

Dr. Socarides, Dr. Nicolosi, Dr. Kaufman—ladies and gentlemen: I accept this fine award with humility and enormous gratitude. Having been honored by you is not only deeply moving for me personally, but I am reminded and reassured by this shining moment that Truth always prevails—a fact which explains the existence of NARTH and others who believe as we do, but may not be members of this organization.

Truth is the reflection of nature's laws. Man can temporarily override those laws, but at great personal and societal expense. These are immutable laws of nature, and when given adequate reign, children will develop into heterosexual men and heterosexual women. Such adults can bond with each other, produce new life, and shepherd it correctly according to nature's laws just as they were guided to maturity by their parents.

For a variety of reasons, largely due to the damaging effect on the family of a succession of wars, those laws which guide normal childhood development were derailed for millions of families. As a result, massive numbers of children of several generations reached adulthood whose personalities were permeated by psychopathology. As an



*Harold Voth, M.D. with two of his grandchildren.*

example, every war produces large numbers of homosexual men and homosexual women (mostly homosexual men) because the fathers of these children were away for long periods of time. Some fathers returned a shell of what they once were, and many never returned.

As a consequence of the effect of this mass of psychopathology, social values have deteriorated, simply because what a person determines in large measure what he *believes* and *does*. Taken in aggregate, these millions of people have changed our social values. Sad to say, those organizations which once were the repository of the best knowledge we had about the human condition, and mental health in particular, have now "normalized" homosexuality, homosexual marriage, and some even have normalized pedophilia. These developments were absolutely predictable.

Those of us who have stood firm on these issues have taken much assault—none more than Drs. Socarides, Nicolosi and Kaufman, and believe me, I've had my share too. But we must not waiver in our resolve to uphold basic truths about the human condition. We will prevail so long as we never give up—never, never, never, to quote Sir Winston Churchill—for nature is on our side, and nature's laws always eventually prevail. ■