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**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS ZIMPHER, GRAHAM, VOTRUBA TO CO-CHAIR
BRIDGES ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**
58th Annual Dinner To Be Held June 5, 2008

CINCINNATI, OH – January 24, 2008– Nancy L. Zimpher, President of the University of Cincinnati; Fr. Michael J. Graham, President of Xavier University; and James C. Votruba, President of Northern Kentucky University, will team-up as co-chairs of the 58th BRIDGES for a Just Community Annual Awards Dinner.

The awards dinner serves as BRIDGES' major annual fundraiser – the event will be held on June 5, 2008 at the Duke Energy Center. At the dinner, BRIDGES will recognize four local citizens who have made significant contributions to the improvement of human relations in the community.

"Having three leading university presidents serving as our annual dinner co-chairs demonstrates unprecedented support for BRIDGES and the work we do," said Robert C. "Chip" Harrod, President and CEO of BRIDGES. "We share a vision for a community that promotes inclusion and justice – a goal that brings many of us together to celebrate our success and challenge ourselves to continue to improve," he added.

Dr. Zimpher is a resident of Walnut Hills. Fr. Graham lives on the Xavier University campus. Dr. Votruba lives in Northern Kentucky.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, please contact Nina Jackson at BRIDGES at 513-381-4660.

About BRIDGES for a Just Community, Inc.

BRIDGES for a Just Community brings people together to achieve inclusion, equity and justice for all who live and work in the Greater Cincinnati community. As the region's leading human relations organization, BRIDGES' vision is to create a respectful, equitable and welcoming community for all citizens through education, advocacy and dialogue. Formerly the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of Greater Cincinnati, BRIDGES for a Just Community has served the region since 1944. For more information, call BRIDGES at 513-381-4660 or visit online at www.bridgescincinnati.org.

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