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BRIDGES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES HONOREES FOR ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

57th Annual Dinner To Be Held May 24, 2007

CINCINNATI, OH – April 18, 2006 – BRIDGES for a Just Community announces four honorees to be recognized for distinguished service at the 57th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom Downtown. This year's honorees are Judith G. Clabes, Therese "Trudi" M. Fullen, Rabbi Lewis Kamrass and Rev. Damon Lynch, Jr. James F. Orr, chairman Of Convergys Corporation, is dinner chair for the event.

Judith G. Clabes has been president and CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation since 1996. Prior to coming to the Foundation, Ms. Clabes has had an illustrious career in journalism that has spanned nearly two decades, has published numerous articles and columns and has received a variety of first place awards for editorial writing and public service from various professional organizations. She was named an "Outstanding Woman of Northern Kentucky" and the Cincinnati YWCA Career Woman of Achievement Award. Ms. Clabes is a member of the BRIDGES Emeritus Board.

Therese "Trudi" M. Fullen has been a civic leader in the Greater Cincinnati community for more than 20 years. She has been a member of the BRIDGES for a Just Community Board for nine years and served as a board officer. Her civic contributions also include board and committee service with the Cincinnati Zoo, Kids Helping Kids and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. She was named "Woman of the Year" in 2002 by *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. She is also a graduate of Leadership Cincinnati Class XXIII.

Rabbi Lewis H. Kamrass is the Senior Rabbi of Isaac M. Wise Temple of Cincinnati, where he has spent his entire rabbinate of 22 years. Under Rabbi Kamrass' leadership, Wise Temple's unique program for social action has won several national awards for innovative programming. Rabbi Kamrass has also served the larger community in many volunteer positions of leadership.

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He has served as president of the Cincinnati Board of Rabbis, and as a board member and/or officer of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Jobs for People, American Red Cross-Cincinnati Chapter, Center for Holocaust Education, Cincinnati CAN, the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati and others.

Rev. Damon Lynch Jr. is the pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, a position he has held since 1970. Rev. Lynch is a well-respected, heavily-involved civic leader in this community. He is the former president of the Baptist Ministers Conference. He co-founded the first Martin Luther King, Jr. March. He was the first president of the Pastors Conference of Greater Cincinnati and a founding member and current chair of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Board of Directors. He also serves the community as a member of the boards for the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America, and University Hospital. He has received numerous awards including the Faith In Action Award by the Council of Christian Communion and the Image Maker Award for Advocacy.

All four local citizens will be recognized at the BRIDGES for a Just Community event for making significant contributions to the improvement of human relations in the Greater Cincinnati community – brief video segments highlighting the achievements of each of the honorees will be available on CETconnect.org. The awards dinner serves as BRIDGES's major annual fundraiser – the event will be held on May 24, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, with a reception and silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information about the awards dinner or to purchase tickets, please call 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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