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**BRIDGES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES HONOREES
FOR ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**

58th Annual Dinner To Be Held June 5, 2008

CINCINNATI, OH – April 21, 2006 – BRIDGES for a Just Community announces four honorees to be recognized for distinguished service at the 58th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at the Duke Energy Center. This year's honorees are Lee A. Carter; Inayat K. Malik, M.D; Harry H. Santen, Esq. and Phyllis S. Sewell.

Lee A. Carter is a Cincinnati native with a long history of founding and leading many philanthropic organizations in our community. Mr. Carter's marketing career spanned many decades, as the president and founder of Local Marketing Company, which was later sold to Grey Advertising in New York in 1989, while his numerous community activities span the issues of health care, the arts, education and philanthropy. He is currently chairman of Mind Peace and is immediate past president of the board of Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He is also president of the Thomas J. Emery Memorial, a board member for the Ronald McDonald House and CET. Mr. Carter previously served on the board of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation and as president of the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. He is a resident of Hyde Park.

Inayat K. Malik, M.D. is a local physician specializing in urology. After more than 10 years of involvement with BRIDGES for a Just Community, Dr. Malik served as the organizations president from 2003 to 2005. Dr. Malik helped lead BRIDGES through its recent separation from the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) and was recently named the first chairman of the newly-formed National Federation for Just Communities. He is president of the board of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati and a founding member of the Islamic Education Council, currently serving as its president. Dr. Malik is co-founder of the BRIDGES' Muslim-Jewish Dialogue Group of

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Cincinnati and a member of the now Muslim-Jewish-Christian Dialogue Group. He is a resident of Indian Hill.

Harry H. Santen graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and founded Santen & Hughes LLP, where he was a partner until he retired in 2002. Mr. Santen previously served as president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, president and chairman of the Legal Aid Society, founding board member of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, and founding member and initial chairman of both The Center for Mediation and Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor Foundation. He has been the recipient of many awards, including the Equal Justice Award from the Legal Aid Society, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the U.C. Law School and the Beacon of Light award from Lighthouse Youth Services. Mr. Santen lives in Mariemont.

Phyllis Shapiro Sewell started her career at Federated Department Stores in 1952 and retired as senior vice president of research and planning in 1988. She has been a member of the board of directors of five New York Stock Exchange companies – SYSCO Corporation, Pitney Bowes, Lee Enterprises, U.S. Shoe Corporation and Huffy Corporation. Ms. Sewell's community service includes more than 25 years with the United Way and service on the board of trustees for the Jewish Federation, Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati and Jewish Hospital. Her numerous honors include being named a "Great Living Cincinnati" by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber in 2003, Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year in 2004, a YWCA Career Woman of Achievement in 1983 and many others. Ms. Sewell is a resident of Hyde Park.

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 for the event.

All four honorees will be recognized at the BRIDGES for a Just Community Annual Dinner for making significant contributions to the improvement of human relations in the Greater Cincinnati community. Serving as BRIDGES's major annual fundraiser, the event will be held on June 5, 2008 at the Duke Energy Center, with a reception and silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information about the awards dinner or to purchase tickets, please visit on-line at www.BRIDGEScincinnati.org or call Nina Jackson at BRIDGES at 513-381-4660. Brief video segments highlighting the achievements of each of the honorees will be available on **CETconnect.org**.

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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