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WSEM HONORS SANDY SULLIVAN AT 15TH ANNUAL LAMPLIGHTER HUMANITARIAN AWARD DINNER

CLEVELAND (June 13, 2008)— West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM), a Cleveland-based nonprofit working to assist needy Clevelanders towards economic independence, has named Sandy Sullivan its 2008 Lamplighter Humanitarian Award honoree. Ms. Sullivan will be honored at WSEM's 15th Annual Lamplighter Humanitarian Award Dinner, 6-9 p.m. on June 19 at The Club at Key Center, 124 Public Square in Cleveland.

Each year, WSEM honors community leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to the area through their corporate and philanthropic efforts and WSEM's mission of helping individuals and families meet their needs. Ms. Sullivan joins the ranks of 13 past honorees, including Maria and Sam Miller of Forest City Enterprises and Alex Machaskee of *The Plain Dealer*.

"Sandy truly embodies WSEM's mission with her many years of support of Northeast Ohio nonprofits that promote the arts, education and world-class medical care," says Judith Z. Peters, president and CEO of WSEM. "Her work in providing a quality education for children of needy families, in particular, has been amazing."

Ms. Sullivan serves on the boards of the Community Service Alliance and Sullivan Scholars with The Cleveland Foundation, which awards high school scholarships to needy and deserving students enrolled in inner-city Catholic grade schools. She is the vice president of the Sullivan Family Foundation, honorary chairwoman of the Gordon Square Arts District and member of the Cleveland Art Museum's

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Women's Council. Ms. Sullivan is a long-time supporter and past board member of the West Side Catholic Center and the May Dugan Center.

She has received numerous awards for her philanthropic endeavors, including the Medaille Shield from St. Joseph's Academy, the highest honor to a non-alumna for generous support of the school and its mission. She and her husband Thomas C. Sullivan, Board Chairman of RPM International Inc., and family have also received the Jewish Federation's Charles Eisenman Award for exceptional civic contributions and the Archbishop F. Hoban Award for distinguished service to the Diocese of Cleveland.

Together, the Sullivans established the Thomas C. and Sandra S. Sullivan Family Endowed Chair for Colorectal Surgery at The Cleveland Clinic. They have also donated one of the largest gifts ever to the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation (CDCF), which awards grants to area nonprofits.

Tickets for the event are \$350. For more information on the Lamplighter Humanitarian Award Dinner, please contact WSEM at 216-651-2037.

About WSEM

Founded in 1966, West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM) is a nonprofit, social service organization working to assist families and individuals meet their needs through various programs. WSEM administers programs that provide food and outreach services, counseling, employment training and early childhood education. For more information, visit www.wsem.org.

About the Lamplighter Humanitarian Award Dinner

The WSEM Lamplighter Humanitarian Award was established in 1994 to celebrate a community of philanthropic leaders who exemplify integrity and demonstrate a commitment to the community through their philanthropic efforts. Past honorees have included Maria and Sam Miller of Forest City Enterprises and Alex Machaskee of *The Plain Dealer*.

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