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Bronx Community Board No. 8 Presents 2010 Community Service Awards

Bronx, New York, May 3, 2010 – Bronx Community Board No. 8 is pleased to announce the winners of the Bronx Community Board No. 8 **2010 Community Service Awards**. Presentation of the awards will take place at the Board meeting on May 11th, at Wave Hill, 675 West 252nd Street at 7:30 PM. The Community Service Award was established to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is one small way to reward those most deserving and inspires others to follow their example.

This year's honorees are:

The Horace Mann School, Center for Community Values and Action (CCVA) – The mission for CCVA is “connecting education, ethics and action.” Through the Upper Division Service Learning Team, a central component of CCVA activity, student teams volunteer to participate for one or more trimesters per year. The Marble Hill Community Center, Children’s Arts and Science Workshops (CASW) is now the second site where the Team visits weekly to the after-school program. The Service Learning Team acts as mentors in the after school program for children, ages 5 through 12 years old, provide homework help and have introduced some new programs including a Lego Robotics program. The Team also works in the after-school program at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC). The director of the CCVA is Jeremy Leeds, Ph.D. The connection to MHCC was proposed by Nicole Stent, District Manager of Bronx Community Board No. 8.

The Riverdale Country School - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the opening of the renovated Van Cortlandt Park Parade Grounds athletic fields was postponed. The largest local youth soccer club, Riverdale Soccer Club (RSC), was without fields to play on. RSC would have had to cancel its entire season, leaving hundreds of local kids without a spring soccer season after school and on weekends. Bronx Community Board 8 worked closely with the Riverdale Country School and the School agreed to offer its facilities to the soccer club on weekends. The season was saved! Michael Galligan, Facilities Manager was the key person at Riverdale Country School involved in saving a local community group.

Constance and Manfred Segal, AARP Chapter 1546, Riverdale - Since joining the local Riverdale AARP Chapter in the 1990’s, Constance and Manfred Segal have served at varying times as the chapter’s president, treasurer, legislative chairman and trip and tour coordinators. Mrs. Segal has represented AARP Chapter 1546 at local community organizations and was the representative to the Bronx Community Board 8

Aging Committee. She is now serving as the AARP chapter membership chairperson. Mr. Segal is the current President of the Chapter. Under their leadership, the Chapter participates with the "KRMH" Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Marble Hill Food and Hunger Project by raising funds and securing maximum value in foods for distribution to the local community needy. Through their hard work and dedication, the chapter also raises funds from local banks, businesses and individuals to fund the Hunger Project and the food pantry at the Church of the Mediator.

Jodie Colon and Jane Walmsley, Bronx Community Board 8 NYC Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Team Chiefs - Ms. Colon and Ms. Walmsley have provided the leadership of our local CERT team since it was first assembled in May, 2006. The Team Chief is the key contact with the Office of Emergency Management, and they dedicate significant time for personal training, attending planning meetings, recruiting new members, and being available to meet with and make presentations to local organizations. The Chief is also called upon to mobilize team members for volunteer opportunities in city-wide drills, emergency simulations and to support public events such as the concert in Van Cortlandt Park and the five-borough Bike Race just a few days ago.

You can also visit the Bronx Community Board No. 8 website that announces the Community Service Awards winners at <http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8>

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