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### **KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER**

#### **ANNOUNCES FOUNDER'S AWARD RECIPIENTS**

FOXBORO — The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Founder's Gala and Charity Auction will be celebrated on Thursday, May 15, 2008 to benefit Kennedy-Donovan Center. More than 250 guests are expected to will gather to enjoy an evening of delicious food, a silent auction and raffles. Held at Lake View Pavilion in Foxboro, the event will benefit the programs and services provided by Kennedy-Donovan Center.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Founder's Award, the agency's highest honor, to Hopkinton resident Karen Cusack, New Bedford resident Robert Branco, President of the Greater New Bedford Disabled Citizens for Recreation, and CVS Caremark Charitable Trust.

A volunteer committee, including Robbi Grogan, Carolyn Chaplin, Mary McAuley, Scott Scales, David Boucher, Lorraine Capleski, Dan Couet, Deb Davignon, Gina Norton, Maria Phillips, Al Tousignant, Mary Walling, Julie White and Mary Graham, has been working for several months to assemble a wonderful array of auction items, including signed sports memorabilia, tickets to local sporting events, , admission for two people to for the week to the 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship, overnight stays at various Boston hotels, artwork by local artists, jewelry, restaurant gift certificates and more.

The Founder's Gala, the premier fund-raising event for Kennedy-Donovan Center, is made possible by the generous support of its Presenting Sponsor, Rodman Ford, Lincoln Mercury; Signature Sponsor, Viram Foundation; Centerpiece Sponsors, Benjamin Franklin Savings Bank, TD Banknorth Insurance Agency, and United Benefit Services; and Invitation Sponsor, Honey Dew Associates and Mansfield Bank.

For information on purchasing tickets or to donate an auction item, please contact Jill Bopf at 508-543-2542.

Founded in 1969, Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC), a non-profit human service agency dedicated to supporting individuals and families with developmental disabilities and similar needs to reach their maximum potential and quality of life through advocacy and individualized services. KDC offers a wide range of direct and supportive community-based services to more than 5,000 people from over 150 communities in Massachusetts.

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