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James A. Brown, Jr. Earns Sarbanes Award

North Bethesda, MD – James A. Brown, Jr., President of Victory Housing, will receive the annual Senator Paul Sarbanes Award for Excellence in Community Service at the 17th Annual Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County, on Friday, April 4, 2008.



“Jim Brown has been on the front lines advocating decent, safe and affordable housing for seniors in our Metropolitan area, for many years,” said conference co-chairs Barbara Goldberg Goldman and Norman Dreyfuss. “His experience, unique skill set, dedication and unwavering devotion has improved the quality of life for thousands of individuals. Jim's determination and success in making things happen that most people say would have been impossible is a model for all of us.”

Victory Housing has preserved and expanded the supply of high quality affordable housing for the past 25 years. Victory is proud to be a comprehensive housing and service provider for low and moderate income neighbors throughout the greater Washington marketplace.

The Sarbanes award will be presented to Jim Brown on April 4th at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center in North Bethesda, MD during the Luncheon Awards Program. Titled “**Affordable Housing In Crisis: Revitalizing the Mission and Seeking Solutions.**” The Conference will address the issues of Regulatory and Zoning Reform, Financing Tools, Community Collaboration, Private Sector Incentives and Affordable Home Ownership in Changing Environments.

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At this year's summit, experts will discuss various aspects of the affordable housing challenge in Montgomery County during a series of panels that will be held from 10:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett is expected to attend the summit and announce the details of his plan to create and preserve more affordable housing in Montgomery County. The County Executive will make his announcement at 9:15 am. Other speakers include County Council President Michael Knapp, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin and U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen.

Attendees will also hear from housing experts including the Director of Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.; Planning Board Chairman Royce Hanson; and Housing Opportunities Commission Executive Director D. Scott Minton. Discussions and question-and-answer sessions will take place.

The Affordable Housing Conference is open to the public. Persons interested in attending can register on line at www.affordablehousingconference.org

ALL MEDIA INVITED TO ATTEND

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