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Cooperman-Bogue Awards, Corporate Recognition Awards to be Announced at Annual Dinner

(Pinellas County, FL) The Juvenile Welfare Board Children's Services Council of Pinellas County (JWB) has announced the quarterly winners of the 2006 Cooperman-Bogue Awards. These four winners, including the annual winner of the Cooperman-Bogue award and the nominees for the 2006 Corporate Recognition Awards, will be honored at the Thirteenth Annual Cooperman-Bogue Awards dinner on Tuesday, March 20 at the Holiday Inn Select, in Clearwater, Florida. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The four quarterly Cooperman-Bogue Awards winners are:

Florene Baker, *Foster Parent, Salvation Army, Children's Village*

Robert Boyd, MS, *Focused Outreach Therapist, Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health, Inc.*

Iris Williams, *School Social Worker, Pinellas County Schools*

Sharon Reid-Kane, *Family & Community Relations Liaison, Cypress Woods Elementary School*

The 2006 Corporate Recognition Awards Nominees are:

Allstate Insurance Company, nominated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County, Inc.

Circle K Stores Inc., nominated by Achieve Tampa Bay/United Cerebral Palsy

Honeywell International, nominated by R'Club Child Care, Inc.

Pinellas Realtor Organization, nominated by Pinellas Village

PSCU Financial Services, nominated by Pinellas Village

Raymond James Financial, Inc., nominated by PARC Board and Staff

The dinner and program will be hosted by Beau Zimmer, a reporter for Tampa Bay's 10.

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The Cooperman-Bogue Awards are named for Pinellas County community leaders Leonard Cooperman and Judge Lincoln Bogue. Mr. Cooperman and Judge Bogue drafted legislation in 1945 that forever changed the quality of life for Pinellas County's children and families. The legislation set into motion the unique taxing authority known as the Juvenile Welfare Board. In honor of these two men, JWB presents the Cooperman-Bogue Awards to compassionate, hard-working human services workers going beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of children and families in Pinellas County. Each year, four are selected. One will be chosen as the annual winner, announced at the dinner.

The Corporate Recognition Awards honors local businesses for their financial and volunteer assistance to JWB's funded agencies. JWB funded agencies are asked to nominate those businesses who help them make a difference in Pinellas County.

The Thirteenth Annual Cooperman-Bogue Awards and Fourth Corporate Recognition Awards are sponsored by JWB and AEGON.

For more information on the dinner or the 2007 winners, contact Eddie Burch., Communications Specialist, at 727-547-5676, or email eburch@jwbpinellas.org.

JWB supports the healthy development of all children and their families in Pinellas County through advocacy, research, planning, training, communications, coordinating of resources and funding. For more information on the JWB Children's Services Council of Pinellas County, call 727-547-5600.