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ARC OF BALTIMORE HONORS AREA ATTORNEYS

BALTIMORE, MD (5/12/08) --- The Arc of Baltimore honored several area attorneys for their contributions to the organization and to individuals with developmental disabilities during The Arc's 2008 Annual Meeting and Awards ceremony, held May 7 at Crowne Plaza Baltimore in Timonium, MD.

- **Maureen Van Stone** was the recipient of The Arc of Baltimore's Professional of the Year Award. As a member of the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS), Maureen formed a partnership between MVLS and Kennedy Krieger Institute to provide legal services to low-to-moderate income patients and families. She is involved in numerous special education cases, assisting Arc-supported families who are having difficulties in receiving identified and recommended services.
- **Raymond L. Marshall**, a founding member of Chason, Rosner, Leary & Marshall LLC, was honored with The Arc of Baltimore's Award for Advocacy. As a member of the Board for the Maryland Disability Law Center, Ray has provided hundreds of hours of pro bono support to help individuals living at the Rosewood Center to transition into community living. He also has volunteered his time and expertise to promoting legislative and regulatory reforms designed to reduce children's exposure to lead paint.
- **Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum**, a partner at Brown, Goldstein & Levy, received The Arc of Baltimore's annual Award for Advocacy Leadership. Sharon has chosen to focus her practice on representing entities that provide housing and support services to individuals with disabilities, including operators of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, community-based residential programs, and day-treatment programs. She also represents families involved in special education cases and in guardianship proceedings. Sharon helped craft legislation calling for the closure of the Rosewood Center.

In addition, The Arc of Baltimore presented Pro Bono Service Appreciation certificates to **Elise D. Morris**, **Edwin G. Fee**, and **Anna S. Kelly**, attorneys at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P., and to **Raymond L. Marshall** and **James F. Rosner**, attorneys at Chason, Rosner, Leary & Marshall, LLC.

"Each of these individuals has had an incredible, positive impact on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities," says Stephen Morgan, Executive Director of The Arc of Baltimore. "We are truly privileged to be able to work with such gifted, talented, and dedicated professionals."

Awards were presented to the recipients by the Annual Meeting host, WMAR-ABC 2 News Anchor Jamie Costello.

Dedicated to helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve their greatest potential since 1949, The Arc of Baltimore serves approximately 3,000 Baltimore City and Baltimore County residents with developmental disabilities and their families.

As one of the nation's largest and most respected organizations of its kind, The Arc of Baltimore is an indispensable resource, providing vocational training, residential services, supported employment, and other programs and services. For more information, visit website at www.arcofbaltimore.org or call 410-296-2272.

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