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## **HOMELESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION TO HONOR JERRY RAPPAPORT, JR. Will receive 2007 MHSA Partnership Award**

The Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (MHSA) will hold its fourth annual awards and fundraising event, *Home for Good*, on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Omni Parker House, 60 School Street, Boston. **This special event will honor Jerry Rappaport, Jr., President and CEO of New Boston Fund, Inc.,** and others who have made outstanding efforts to end homelessness in Massachusetts.

Jerry Rappaport has more than 25 years of real estate investment and development experience. In addition to leading New Boston Fund, Inc., Mr. Rappaport is Chairman of the Urban Strategy America (USA) Fund. The USA Fund creates housing, jobs and needed amenities to stimulate economic development and enhance the quality of life in local communities. Rappaport is also a consistent and generous supporter of Massachusetts non-profits that work to end the homelessness of men, women, and children.

The *MHSA Partnership Award* recognizes the commitment of individuals in the private sector to ending homelessness. "Mr. Rappaport's tireless work to create more affordable housing in our Commonwealth and his support of organizations striving to end homelessness has brought us closer to ensuring that all Massachusetts citizens are 'home for good'" said MHSA Executive Director Joe Finn. "The involvement of the private sector, and leaders like Jerry Rappaport, is essential if we are to end the social disgrace of homelessness."

The evening will also feature award presentations to **Senate President Therese Murray**, who will receive the inaugural *Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr. Policy for People Award* and **Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership**, who will receive the *MHSA Cornerstone Award*.

The Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance was established in 1988 by Greater Boston homeless providers and citizens seeking to create a coordinated strategy to end homelessness. MHSA represents 88 community-based agencies operating more than 250 programs statewide that serve over 98% of all homeless individuals in Massachusetts. Through strategic partnerships formed with government, private philanthropy, service providers, homeless individuals, and business, MHSA works to ensure that homelessness does not become a permanent part of the social landscape. For more information visit **[www.mhsa.net](http://www.mhsa.net)**.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available for those wishing to attend by calling MHSA at 617-367-6447 ext. 25.

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