



## **The Corcoran Awards**

*Mental Health      Children      Education      Social Justice      Catholic Causes*

Celebrating the life's work of Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran, P.A., St. Vincent Family Centers announces the Corcoran Awards: five awards given to worthy persons working in the fields of mental health, children's causes, early childhood or elementary education, social justice and the work of the Church. This year's awards will be presented at a luncheon honoring the winners on November 10, 2008.

The winners must be persons whose work on behalf of one of the five key causes has made an appreciable impact on the community. Nominees can be any person in Central Ohio meeting the criteria. Nominees will be judged by their nomination applications and chosen by a distinguished panel of community members. Finalists must be available the day of the event, November 10, 2008.

St. Vincent Family Centers is presenting these awards to honor their founder and friend, Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran. Monsignor Corcoran's distinguished career spanned several decades and included work at the national, state and local levels in the areas of education, social justice and mental health. At the national level he served as President of Catholic Charities USA helping to lead its efforts to impact public policy and embrace social justice causes. He participated on the front lines of the civil rights movement in 1965, taking part in the final days of the Selma marches. Locally he is credited as a founder of several social service agencies including Maryhaven and Diocesan Child Guidance Center, which merged with St. Vincent Children's Center in 1996 to become St. Vincent Family Centers. Now entering his 9<sup>th</sup> decade of life, he continues to serve the Church at Holy Cross Church, his retirement home.

St. Vincent Family Centers is a pediatric behavioral health center serving the families of children and youth in Central Ohio who experience severe emotional and behavioral challenges. The organization is a Council on Accreditation (COA) agency, certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health, a member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and a provider agency for the Franklin County ADAMH Board and United Way of Central Ohio.



Why do you believe the nominee's work has made an impact on the area of emphasis?  
(Please provide examples of measurable impact, i.e. positive changes that occurred in numbers served, quality of care, or other specified success measures as a result of the nominee's direct involvement and leadership.)

Please indicate any other reasons why you believe this nominee is deserving of this award. (Examples include other achievements in the nominee's personal or professional life, overcoming personal hardships, or additional information about the candidate that adds insight into the nominee's character or motivations.)

Thank you for your nomination. Please return this form by September 24, 2008 to Susan Black, VP/Chief Advancement Officer, St. Vincent Family Centers, 1490 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205 or e-mail to [sblack@svfc.org](mailto:sblack@svfc.org). Ticket information is also available at this address.

*Strengthening our Community, One Family at a Time*