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OneJax Announces 2009 Humanitarian Award Honorees --Dinner Event Planned for May 7, 2009--

Jacksonville, FL (February 2, 2009)—OneJax has announced the recipients of its 2009 Humanitarian Awards. The OneJax Humanitarian Awards honor those who have demonstrated the highest level of personal and professional integrity, have given generously and extensively to our community, and have been dedicated to the improvement of human relations among diverse groups in our community.

Recipients of this coming year's Silver Medallions are:

- **Scot Ackerman**—Scot Ackerman, M.D., is the Medical Director of First Coast Oncology, which provides radiation therapy at four facilities across Northeast Florida. Dr. Ackerman, board-certified in Radiation Oncology, is Chief of Radiation Oncology and Chief of Staff at St. Vincent's Medical Center, where one of First Coast Oncology's facilities is located. He is a member of St. Vincent's Health System Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Vincent's Health System. Dr. Ackerman's desire to make a difference in his profession and community is underscored by the number of organizations he supports through membership and involvement. Committed to the community, he is past president of the Jacksonville Jewish Federation and is a member of St. Vincent's Medical Center's Foundation Board.
- **Ann Baker**—For more than 30 years, Ann Baker's philanthropic leadership has been a catalyst for growth and change in our community. She has been instrumental in the establishment of some of North Florida's most respected institutions, has served and chaired numerous boards, supported many initial campaigns and continues to make significant contributions to many of Jacksonville's nonprofits. Ann was a founding member of the Arts Assembly of Jacksonville (now known as the Cultural Council), Greenscape and the Women's Giving Alliance. She was the first woman to chair the board of the Community Foundation in Jacksonville and worked to help establish Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. In 2006, Ann and her husband, Ted, were honored as the Philanthropists of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Ann currently serves on the board of the Schultz Center for Learning & Leadership, among others, and is the board chair of the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens.
- **Eleanor J. Gay**—Eleanor J. Gay is a community leader and activist. After working for Florida Community College at Jacksonville for 18 years as a counselor and then as Director of Equal Access/Equal Opportunity, she joined the staff of The Community Foundation, where she was instrumental in implementing the Foundation's first initiative-based grantmaking program. Later she served as principal instructor for the Foundation's Philanthropic Initiative program. She retired from the Foundation in 2003 and now serves on its Board of Trustees. She is a member of the Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a community service organization. A recipient of the Florida Times-Union EVE Lifetime Achievement Award, she has served on numerous not-for-profit boards and is currently a member of the Boards of the Downtown Ecumenical Services Council, the Jessie Ball DuPont Community Building Fund, and is an Advisory Board member of the Eartha M. M. White Legacy Fund. She is also an active member of The Historic Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church.

- **Gregory A. Matovina**-- Gregory E. Matovina founded Matovina & Company, a residential land development firm, in 1991 and has been involved in the development of over 10,000 home sites with a primary focus on developing small lot developments targeting first time home buyers. Most recently, the company has ventured into higher end developments, including a premier waterfront community on Fleming Island. He has been active in the Northeast Florida Builders Association, serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the last eight years. He received the 2000 Leadership Award for his service to the industry was named Builder/Developer of the year in 2005 and in 2006 and was the first recipient of the Arnold Tritt Achievement Award. Mr. Matovina's efforts to create homeownership opportunities for people of all economic status have led to his appointment to the Board of Directors of Habijax, Jacksonville's Habitat for Humanity affiliate. He also dedicates his time and leadership to the Board of Builders Care, the Northeast Florida Builder's Association's non-profit organization whose mission is to eradicate substandard housing in Northeast Florida.

Dentist Sol Brotman has been named Chair of the 2009 Humanitarian Awards Dinner to be held the evening of May 7, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel. Brotman, a longtime Board member of OneJax, will lead the effort to generate support for the dinner, one of the primary fundraising efforts conducted by the organization

"We are delighted with this coming year's Honorees, all of whom are worthy of the recognition they will receive as OneJax Humanitarians," said Phil Mobley, Chair of the OneJax Board of Directors. "The 2009 Humanitarian Awards Dinner will mark the 39th anniversary of the event and OneJax is having a greater impact than ever before on promoting respect and understanding among people of different religious, racial, ethnic and cultural differences. Our honorees embody the spirit of this commitment and I expect the event to be a very special celebration."

Through education, community building and advocacy, OneJax hopes to make Northeast Florida a better place for everyone by celebrating differences and identifying all we have in common. Its core programs include **Metrotown**, an intensive, week-long teen diversity program; **LOUD** (Leaders of United Diversity), where Metrotown graduates bring the message of respect and appreciation for religious, racial and cultural differences into their schools; **Interfaith and Community Forums**, periodic forums for public dialogue on diversity and tolerance issues; and **Advocacy**, working to promote issues of importance to the **OneJax** mission. In addition, OneJax is a partner, with the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission and the Community Foundation in Jacksonville, in **Project Breakthrough**, an initiative to change the story of race in Jacksonville.

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