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**Community Development for All People
Receives the Finance Fund 2007 Community Champion Award**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — **John Edgar, Executive Director** of Community Development for All People Corporation was recently awarded the 2007 Community Champion Award by the Finance Fund. Presented annually, the Community Champion Award recognizes a community partner that goes above and beyond in the area of community development and leadership. The award was presented to Edgar at Finance Fund's 19th Annual Reception on May 8.

Finance Fund is a statewide nonprofit financial intermediary working to enable progress and inspire change within Ohio's low-income communities. By building bridges to economic development and community revitalization, Finance Fund aims to create opportunities that make a better quality of life possible.

Edgar has worked to improve neighborhoods in South Columbus to address issues that face low-to-moderate income families. His leadership, along with the efforts of Community Development for All People, has resulted in numerous affordable housing developments, as well as other economic and community development projects.

Under Edgar's leadership, Community Development for All People has formed several initiatives to address the issues of low income families in the community. In 1999, he helped establish the Free Store, which now provides clothing and household items to more than 21,000 low-income families.

Community Development for All People is a faith-based, non-profit community development organization dedicated to creating a community and church that welcomes and cares for all people. Edgar has served as the pastor of The United Methodist Church for All People since it was chartered in 2003.

About Community Development Collaborative

Founded in 1992, The Community Development Collaborative (The Collaborative) is comprised of a diverse group of organizations that share a belief in the value of community based organizations as instruments of change for our neighborhoods. The Collaborative provides funding and technical assistance to Community Development Corporations to assist in their efforts of transforming Columbus' distressed neighborhoods into vibrant and sustainable communities.