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## **U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown Featured Speaker at ABCD Community Awards Dinner**

### **19 Outstanding Community Volunteers will be Honored; FOX25's Maria Stephanos, Mark Ockerbloom to Emcee**

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) will be the featured speaker at the annual Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Community Awards Dinner on November 2 at the Marriot Boston Copley Place. The annual event honors 19 exceptional volunteers for their important contributions to the neighborhoods where they live.

FOX25 News anchors Maria Stephanos and Mark Ockerbloom will emcee the event.

Sherrod Brown is serving his first year in the United States Senate after 14 years in the United States House of Representatives. Prior to that, he served as Ohio's Secretary of State, and spent nine years as a State Representative, beginning his tenure at the tender age of 21. He entered the political arena after knocking on more than 20,000 doors in a truly grassroots campaign.

Brown has made health care a central piece of his legislative agenda, refusing to enroll himself in the Congressional health care system until a plan has been made available to all Americans. He is also an outspoken critic of the war in Iraq, voting against the President's request for authorization but voting for and working toward proper health care for returning Iraq war veterans.

ABCD President/CEO Bob Coard said ABCD is thrilled to bring Senator Brown to Boston for the agency's premier annual event. "Senator Sherrod Brown is an exciting new member of the United States Senate from an important swing state, Coard said. "He is a progressive economic populist intent on shaking up conventional Washington wisdom. We are proud and honored to welcome Senator Brown into the ABCD family."

For more information regarding the 2007 ABCD Annual Community Awards Dinner, please call Jessica Vasquez at (617) 348-6236.

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**About ABCD:**

ABCD serves more than 100,000 low-income Boston-area residents through its central offices and a decentralized network of Neighborhood Service Centers (NSCs). Programs and affiliations include Fuel Assistance; Child Care Services; Head Start; Child Care Choices of Boston; Education; Career Development; Housing and Homelessness Services; Health Services; Family Planning; Urban College of Boston; University High – an Alternative High School; Ostiguy High School for high school students in recovery; Weatherization; Foster Grandparents; Elder Services; Intergenerational Programs; a Multi-cultural Independent Living Center serving people with disabilities; management of the Combined Federal Campaign, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Boston, and Keane Inc. employee giving campaigns; advocacy and consumer services.