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YMCA Honors Richard A. Jones With 24th Annual YMCA A.K. Guy Award

SEATTLE—Aug. 3, 2007—The YMCA of Greater Seattle will honor Judge Richard A. Jones for his volunteer contributions to the community at the 24th Annual YMCA A.K. Guy Award Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 2.

Throughout his career, Richard has been an extremely active volunteer, working on education, social justice and equal opportunity. He has been a board member of the YMCA of Greater Seattle for 14 years and served as Board President from 2000 to 2002. He also serves on a number of other boards and committees, including Seattle University Board of Regents and the University of Washington Law School Advisory Committee.

Richard has been a King County Superior Court judge since 1994 and was recently nominated by the Bush Administration for U.S. District Court Judge.

Richard's passion is helping low-income youth of all ages explore and pursue their dreams. In the presentation he delivers to kids across the state, "Helping Young People Explore Their Dreams," Richard shares his experiences as a youth and the path he took to become a lawyer and judge. He strives to help young people believe that with motivation, anything is possible. Richard has mentored countless youth who are interested in following in his footsteps.

The YMCA A.K. Guy Award was established in memory of A.K. Guy (1892-1983), president of G.O. Guy Drugs, who was a community leader and dedicated volunteer for civic organizations, his church, the YMCA of Greater Seattle Board of Directors and YMCA Camp Orkila. The A.K. Guy Award is presented annually to an individual, couple, corporation or organization that exemplifies the ideals of the late A.K. Guy.

The A.K. Guy Award Luncheon will take place on Friday, Nov. 2, from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers. For ticket information or early reservations, please contact Sok In at 206-344-3190 or akguy@seattleyymca.org.

Past recipients of the YMCA A.K. Guy Award include Maggie and Doug Walker (2006), Constance and Norman Rice (2005), J. Shan Mullin (2004), Peter Horvitz (2003), Seattle Works (2002) and William H. Gates (2001).

About the YMCA of Greater Seattle:

Founded in 1876, the YMCA of Greater Seattle is the oldest human service organization in Washington State and a leader in providing innovative programs to build health in spirit, mind and body. Through its 15 branches, three camps and more than 200 program sites in King and south Snohomish counties, the YMCA serves 190,400 people annually with an array of services, including child care, parent-child programs, teen development, year-round camping, youth educational/employment programs, foster care, young adult transitional housing, family resource centers, plus wellness and fitness programs for all ages and abilities. More information may be found at www.seattleyymca.org.

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