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**RAP, Inc. Board Member Emeritus Yetta Galiber
Receives Sojourner Truth Award**



Washington, D. C., November 3, 2006.....Yetta W. Galiber was honored by a group dedicated to waging peace among gangs in the District and providing a support network for ex-prisoners. The group, Cease Fire...Don't Smoke the Brothers and Sisters, Inc., presented her with the Sojourner Truth Award at their annual fundraiser held November 3, 2006, at the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Distinguished entertainer and peace activist Harry Belafonte was the keynote speaker.

In presenting the award, the group said that Mrs. Galiber was selected because she had established self-empowering services for prisoners, persons with disabilities, and for at risk youth.

Mrs. Galiber served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of RAP, Inc. for more than 15 years, following her staunch support of the organization for some ten years prior. Her professional employment as well as her civic activities, the humanitarian special projects she created, and her volunteer activities all were geared toward serving those in need.

The Lorton Prison Project is one of her best known innovations. Instituted in 1971, the project brought men out of Lorton to serve as teacher aides for children with profound mental retardation and severe emotional disturbance. This bold and daring new concept remains unparalleled in this country.

A year prior to establishing the Lorton prison project, Mrs. Galiber became the Executive Director of the Information Center for Handicapped Children, a not-for-profit information, referral, and advocacy agency. In 1975, the name changed to the Information Center for Handicapped Individuals, Inc. (ICHI), when the organization expanded its mission to include like services for adults with handicapping conditions. In 1986, the organization again changed its name to the Information, Protection, and Advocacy Center for Handicapped individuals, Inc. (IPACHI) to reflect its yet again expanded mission to not only provide information, referral, and advocacy, but also to ensure the legal and human rights of all persons with disabilities, as mandated by Federal law.

Mrs. Galiber also served as Director of the Friends of the Juvenile Court. During her tenure with the Court, Mrs. Galiber planned, developed, organized, and directed the Court=s volunteer programs. She recruited and trained over 350 volunteers from the community to serve in 15 volunteer programs she established, including the ATutorial Program®, the ASelf-Improvement®, and the AJobs for Juniors Program®. The AJobs for Juniors Program® was so successful, Mrs. Galiber published an article for the Juvenile Court Judges Journal, which led to the replication of the program in other Juvenile Courts around the country.

Cease Fire...Don't Smoke the Brothers and Sisters, Inc. is a non-profit anti-violence organization. Some of their recent accomplishments include facilitating job preparedness classes and finding employment for ex-prisoners and providing educational literature and books for those still incarcerated. In addition, the group recently was recognized for the role it played in the surrender of a young man accused in a shooting.

RAP, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has provided residential substance abuse treatment to residents of the District of Columbia for close to four decades.

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