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Kay Toran Named Non-Profit CEO of the Year

Portland Business Journal Recognizes Non-Profit Leader's Vision and Commitment to Helping Others

Portland, Ore. – **December 9, 2008** – Volunteers of America Oregon President and CEO Kay D. Toran was named Non-Profit CEO of the Year by Portland Business Journal at a luncheon on Tuesday, as part of its annual Most Admired Companies and CEOs Awards.

Toran has led the human services agency, one of Oregon's largest, since 1999 and oversees four service divisions and 20 programs. Under Toran's watch, the agency has launched innovative domestic violence intervention and prisoner re-entry programs while maintaining its commitment to serving the most vulnerable populations in our community through child abuse prevention, substance abuse rehabilitation, and care for seniors and disabled adults.



“I love working with people, particularly in a role that helps people to change or transform their lives,” Toran said. “I am and always will be a change agent.” Toran credits her parents for instilling in her a strong commitment to helping others and inspiring her to pursue a career that has included positions as Director of the State Office for Services to Children and Families and Director of Affirmative Action for the State of Oregon.

In addition to this honor, Toran has also been the recipient of the White Rose Award for

Professional Excellence and was recognized with the Urban Pioneer Award from Portland State University, where she achieved her Masters in Social Work.

For 112 years, Volunteers of America Oregon has been there for those who need us most. From at-risk youth to victims of domestic violence, from the recovering addicts to the frail elderly, we provide a range of supportive and empowering services to our area's most vulnerable populations - and work with them to rebuild whole lives and reach their full potential. For more information about Volunteers of America Oregon, visit www.voaor.org.