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## **Monsignor William J. Linder to Receive Community Service Leader Award on Behalf of New Community Corporation**

### *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association Announces 2008 Awardees*

Lawrenceville, NJ – December 13, 2007 – Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association, today announced that Monsignor William J. Linder will receive a Community Service Leader Award on behalf of New Community Corporation. The award will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards™ ceremony on May 7, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

The Community Service Leader Award is presented to an organization that demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to improving the health and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey; and to an individual representing that organization who has personified, led and/or provided the vision for that organization. Monsignor William J. Linder is currently the pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newark. After the Newark civil disorders of 1967, Msgr. Linder founded New Community Corporation (NCC) to begin to replace the destroyed housing and to rebuild the local economy. NCC is the most comprehensive and the largest community development organization in the United States. NCC employs more than 1,600 individuals and provides urban dwellers with housing, day care, alternative education, social services, employment services and healthcare. Through its many services and programs it touches the lives of 50,000 Newark and Essex County residents every day. Msgr. Linder lectures all over the world to community groups, bankers and others who are interested in the community development movement. Msgr. Linder holds an MA and PhD in sociology from Fordham University and honorary degrees from ten institutions of higher learning. He is an adjunct professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.

“Monsignor Linder unquestionably merits recognition for the many contributions he has made to the residents of Newark Essex County,” said Dr. Hirsch. “His leadership and the many accomplishments of the New Community Corporation have served as a model for other community development groups around the globe.”

The other 2008 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award™: Walter J. Kahn, MD, FACS
- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Joel DeLisa, MD, MS and Deepak V. Patel, MD
- Outstanding Medical Executive Awards: Judith Burgis and Eileen Moynihan, MD
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award™: Senator Peter A. Inverso
- Community Service Leader Awards: Henry Acosta, MA, MSW, LSW on behalf of the National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health
- Special Award: Steven E. Ross, MD and Robert F. Ostrum, MD for the extraordinary trauma care provided to Governor Jon Corzine

The Excellence in Medicine Awards are named after Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard. To register for the event or to learn more about the awards, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association at 609-803-2350 or visit [www.EJIAwards.org](http://www.EJIAwards.org). Profits from this year’s event will be donated to Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership. The awards program is sponsored by MDA Advantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.