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## **The Honorable Lisa Baker will Serve as the Keynote Speaker for 2008 NCAC Community Awards Program**

**Pittston, PA, May 12, 2008** - The Northeastern Pennsylvania Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC) is honored to announce that The Honorable Lisa Baker, State Senator, 20th Senatorial District, will serve as the keynote speaker for the 2008 Community Awards Program. "Senator Baker is a truly committed community leader who serves as an advocate for nonprofit organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania and throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Her many years of dedication to the nonprofit sector is inspiring," stated Charles Barber, Chairman, NCAC Board of Directors.

Prior to being elected, Senator Baker spent several years in public service as deputy chief of staff to Governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker, Director of Tom Ridge's Northeast Regional Office, chief of staff to Senator Charles Lemmond and research analyst to Senator Robert Jubelirer. Senator Baker also has extensive experience in the nonprofit sector where she served most recently as the executive director of The Blue Ribbon Foundation and is a past member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations. Her experience as advisor to and director of private foundations affords her an in-depth understanding of the increasingly complex charitable and philanthropic environment. A resident of Lehman Township, Pennsylvania, Senator Baker currently serves on the board of directors of the Children's Service Center, the Children's Trust Fund, the United Way of Wyoming Valley, the advisory board of Penn State Wilkes-Barre and as East Stroudsburg University's 2007-2008 legislative fellow.

Senator Baker, a graduate of Shippensburg University, offers insight into both government and nonprofit administration. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government Administration.

According to Jeffrey Box, President & CEO, NEPA Alliance, "The NCAC Community Awards Program is a tribute to the nonprofit board members, employees and volunteers who deliver the most innovative and effective services and programs to the citizens of Northeastern Pennsylvania."

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The NCAC Community Awards Program is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort, Wilkes-Barre, with complimentary cocktails beginning at 4:30 p.m. and a dinner program at 5:30 p.m. This event highlights the under-recognized nonprofit organizations that make an extraordinary impact within our seven county region, which includes Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne.

The second annual Ted Daniels Community Development Award will be presented as well as awards for Arts & Culture, Environmental Action/Animal Welfare, Health & Human Services, Children & Youth and Education.

Cost is \$35.00 for NCAC & NEPA members and \$45.00 for non members. For more information about the 2008 Community Awards Program, contact Kurt Bauman at (570) 655-5581, ext. 237 or visit [www.nepa-alliance.org](http://www.nepa-alliance.org)

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