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Katz Receives Recognition for Healthcare, Community Work

PROVIDENCE, RI (April 2009) – Linda Katz, Co-founder and Policy Director of The Poverty Institute, has been chosen to receive two distinguished awards hailing her work in the Rhode Island community.

She joined Congressman Patrick Kennedy and members of HealthRIght as honorees of Health Care Policy Heroes, an award presented by Ocean State Action. The award honored Katz for her leadership to protect and expand Medicaid and Medicare for Rhode Islanders. This event was held at Local 121 in Providence.

Then, on May 4, Linda will be receiving the “Profile in Change” award along with Senator Jack Reed, given by the Fund for Community Progress. According to the Fund, this award is Rhode Island’s distinctive honor for those who have dedicated their lives to creating positive change in the community. Through this award The Fund aspires to motivate others to become agents of change and to encourage support for organizations that help create change. This event will be held at Waterplace Restaurant in Providence.

Katz has devoted her career to improving and expanding anti-poverty programs that help the most economically challenged populations in Rhode Island. Her work has improved economic security for people with disabilities, welfare recipients, immigrants, and low-wage workers and their families.

“I am very honored to receive these recognitions,” said Katz. “It has been my extreme good fortune to work with so many wonderful people who share a common vision for our state and our country. Our vision assures that all people have access to quality, affordable health care, education and opportunity in a society that is rooted in economic and social justice. I look forward to continuing to work to make this vision a reality.”

For more information or to reserve tickets to either event, please contact:

Ocean State Action “Health Care Policy Heroes” Event

Monday, April 6th, 2009 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Local 121, Providence

Email peter@oceanstateaction.org or call 401-463-5368

The Fund for Community Progress Awards Ceremony

May 4th, 2009 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Waterplace Restaurant, Providence

Email info@fundcp.org or call 401-941-7100

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About The Poverty Institute

The Poverty Institute is a non-partisan organization that develops and promotes policies to improve the economic security of low- and modest-income Rhode Islanders and to ensure that tax and budget policies are equitable and adequate to fund vital public services. The Institute is housed at the Rhode Island College School of Social Work. Financial support comes from foundations, corporations, and individuals who care about social change and economic justice. For more information visit www.povertyinstitute.org.