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Local Leaders Join Voices to *Sing Out* Against Sexual Violence:

The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center's Biennial Benefit Concert Honoring Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones and Judge K.J. Montgomery to take place on Monday, May 19, 2008!

Cleveland, OH—The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) announces its fifth *Sing Out*, a unique biennial benefit concert at the Cleveland Play House on May 19, 2008.

The 2008 *Sing Out* for the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center is a community event that raises awareness and financial support for services for survivors of sexual assault through music. The *Sing Out* Chorale is comprised of over 100 community, civic and business leaders who join voices to *Sing Out* against rape and sexual violence. These movers and shakers are putting aside their day planners and instead focusing on sheet music. This event is symbolic of the mission and work of the CRCC, to give voice back to survivors who are often silenced, not heard or believed.

This year the CRCC is proud to honor **Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones**, an undisputed leader in the area of crime victims' rights. Congresswoman Tubbs Jones, who also served as the former Prosecutor for Cuyahoga County, has used her role as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives to sponsor and co-sponsor many pieces of legislation related to violence against women, including the historic Violence Against Women Act. The CRCC is also proud to be honoring **Judge K.J. Montgomery**, one of the original supporters of the *Sing Out*. Judge Montgomery has worked tirelessly since the first *Sing Out* in 1999 to raise awareness around the CRCC's mission and the issue of sexual violence. The CRCC couldn't be more excited to honor such influential and inspiring women. The chairs of the 2008 *Sing Out* are David Goodman, Managing Partner-Cleveland, Squire Sanders & Dempsey and Lisa Oliver, President, Key Bank, Greater Cleveland District.

The 2008 *Sing Out* will raise over \$250,000, all of which will go toward keeping CRCC programs and services free to survivors of sexual violence.

When: Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7 p.m. (VIP pre-performance dinner begins at 5:30)
Where: The Cleveland Play House, 8500 Euclid Avenue
Tickets: \$250 – includes dinner, performance and dessert
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Contact: For tickets and information on how to be a sponsor call (216) 619-6194 ext. 107

The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, founded in 1974, is dedicated to serving survivors of sexual violence and those who support them with free comprehensive healing and advocacy services, and to creating social change in the community through education, training, and activism. All of these services are provided confidentially and completely free of charge to more than 10,000 people every year. The CRCC is the *only* organization in Cuyahoga County dedicated to serving survivors of rape and sexual assault.

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