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WINNERS OF THE 2008 AWARDS FOR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED

(Philadelphia, PA) –The Board of Directors of Inglis Foundation announced the winners of the 2008 Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence. The Awards program honors the performance of non-profit organizations in the Philadelphia region that enhance the quality of life for people with physical disabilities, and by doing so support the mission of the Foundation.

Five organizations will receive a \$20,000 award: Bucks County Center for Independent Living, Langhorne, PA; Catastrophic Injury Program of the National Transplant Assistance Fund, Radnor, PA; Pennsylvania Health Law Project, Philadelphia, PA; Residential Living Options, Inc., Downingtown, PA; Resources for Independent Living, Burlington, NJ.

The award winners will be honored on June 26, 2008, at a ceremony at Inglis House, Philadelphia, PA. According to Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence Review Committee Chairman Laura Schwanger, "Each year the Review Committee is extremely impressed with the high caliber work of area organizations serving the needs of people with physical disabilities. We salute this year's winners whose work also expands the reach of Inglis Foundation and hope to continue the Awards Program for many years to come."

Applications for the 2009 **Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence** will be accepted beginning mid-September 2008. Information will be available on the Inglis website (www.inglis.org) at that time.

Honoree Background

Bucks County Center for Independent Living ensures that anyone living in Bucks County, PA, with a disability has the tools to achieve the level of independent living to which they aspire, based on their individual needs and desires. (www.cilbc.org)

Catastrophic Injury Program of the National Transplant Assistance Fund provides fundraising guidance and support to catastrophic injury patients – especially those with spinal cord injuries – and their families to help them raise money to cover uninsured medical expenses and provide for items which support independence and improve quality of life. (www.catastrophicfund.org)

Pennsylvania Health Law Project advocates with and on behalf of people with disabilities to ensure their access to quality healthcare and home- and community-based services. (www.phlp.org)

Residential Living Options, Inc. assists people with disabilities and their families in developing plans and accessing resources that allow them to live in homes of their choice in the community by providing creative options, education and community collaboration. (www.residentiallivingoptions.org)

Resources for Independent Living is a community-based program that promotes personal growth and empowerment for people with disabilities through information, education, skills development and networking opportunities so they can live independent lives in the community. (www.rilnj.org)

About Inglis Foundation

Inglis Foundation works with people with physical disabilities to create and provide practical solutions so they may pursue their life goals. All of Inglis' services and programs are designed to enable people with physical disabilities to enjoy life with the greatest amount of independence and mobility.

Inglis' community-based programs include: Inglis Housing Corporation, Inglis Adult Day Program, Inglis Durable Medical Equipment, Inglis Community Employment Services and Inglis Care Management. In 2000, Inglis patented Drink-Aide®, a hands-free water bottle for wheelchair users.

For more information, visit the organization's website: www.inglis.org.

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