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Annual Event Showcases Storytelling as a Driver for Community Engagement

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WHAT:

Community Legal Resources is hosting its 12th annual event titled, "Telling our Story". The event will focus on the importance of storytelling to create a shared history and sense of community. Stories will be shared that demonstrate recent community successes and the necessity to engage and empower communities to solve complex quality of life issues. Awards will be given for the outstanding volunteer attorney, law firm, partner, and community action of the year. This will be an exciting event to attend, with over 200 local nonprofit executives, attorneys, law firm executives, community leaders, funders, partners and local politicians in attendance. The event is free.

WHERE:

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit 48201

WHEN:

Thursday, December 2, 2010
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PHOTO OP:

Press availability will begin at the start of the event with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please call Sara Jean Baker or Maya Cadwell Stovall at 313-962-3171 for more information.

WHO:

Community Legal Resources is a statewide nonprofit organization with a mission to support and empower nonprofit community organizations in Michigan that serve low-income individuals and communities, with an emphasis on community economic development, by providing pro bono legal services and technical assistance. Founded in 1998, CLR has provided over \$9 million in free legal assistance to over 900 nonprofits in Michigan and vacant property related assistance to over 200 community organizations in Detroit. www.cironline.org and www.detroitvacantproperty.org.

WHY:

Detroit and the State of Michigan are in the trenches of a deep recession and vacant property crisis. Community-based action and involvement is a necessary part of rebuilding and is often led by nonprofit organizations. Volunteer attorneys are essential in building the capacity of critical nonprofit organizations. The annual event is an opportunity to connect and recognize the work of CLR's clients and partners. CLR's resources help communities solve complex problems because communities are the solution.