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Dear Community Leader,

The 40th Annual Midwest School Social Work Council Conference will be held in Ohio for the very first time at the Cleveland Marriott Key Bank Hotel on October 4, 5, 6, 2007! The Ohio School Social Work Association is proud to host this event, **Orchestrating Harmony...School, Home and Community**. Over 400 school social workers, school psychologists, school counselors, administrators, social services providers, mental health therapists and juvenile justice personnel from across the country will gather for this professional training.

Our awards banquet will be a spectacular celebration honoring the 40th anniversary of the Midwest School Social Work Council and the 10th anniversary of the Ohio School Social Work Association! An award winning high school gospel choir will perform and Barbara Eady, MSSA, LISW, past president of the National Black Storytellers Association will present 'Sharing Our Stories: The Key to Harmony.' On Friday, our community will celebrate at FAT FISH BLUES!

A Student Support Services Summit will also be held on Friday to draw together local, state and national leaders in education, mental health and other child serving local and state organizations. Those leaders will hear about effective service delivery models and search for solutions to braiding services and funding to ensure academic and employment success for students.

Your organization will benefit from sponsorship! We need the support of businesses, educational agencies and social service agencies like yours to showcase our state and host an outstanding event!

We invite you to join our current sponsors, the *Ohio Department of Mental Health, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, College of Social Work at Ohio State University, School of Social Work at University of Cincinnati, Fairview Hospital and Cleveland Christian Children's Home* to provide a professionally enriching experience for our participants.

Please find attached our Conference Informational Sheet, Call for Sponsorships/ Exhibits/Advertisements and a Sponsorship Agreement for your convenience. Go to www.osswa.org for more information. We look forward to your support to provide a professionally enriching experience for our participants!

Sincerely,

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2007 Conference Co-Chairperson