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The Coalition for the Homeless Executive Director, Marlene Gordon, to receive Wayside Christian Mission's "Rescuer" Award

(Louisville, KY) Marlene Gordon, Executive Director of The Coalition for the Homeless, will receive one of two 2009 **Rescuer Awards** from Wayside Christian Mission on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Wayside selects award recipients annually and chooses individuals who have shown dedication and support to the most vulnerable members of our community: the poor and the homeless.

Marlene has served as the Coalition's Executive Director for 12 years. Her experience also includes serving on the National Coalition for the Homeless Board of Directors, The Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness, and other state and local committees.

Prior to her role at the Coalition, Marlene worked as the Homeless and Migrant Education Coordinator for Jefferson County Public Schools and received the most innovative program award from the National Association of Educators of Homeless Children and Youth. She has been honored by Interlink Counseling Services, Father Maloney's Boys' Haven, Jefferson County, and Atherton High School for her life long dedication to the issues of homelessness.

Marlene graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor in Liberal Arts and has a Master of Arts in Teaching from Spalding University.

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