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## **DETROIT SHOREWAY TO HONOR DONORS FOR WEST 83<sup>RD</sup> STREET EXPLOSION FUND**

Cleveland, OH (February 19, 2010) -- On Monday, February 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., in the Gordon Square Arcade Atrium (6516 Detroit Avenue), Cleveland City Councilman Matt Zone and Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO) will honor Robert Klein, CEO of Safeguard Properties, and Ani Bagrasarian, Presidential Liaison for Special Initiatives and Governmental Relations of The Cleveland Foundation, to celebrate the outpouring of support for the victims of the West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Explosion. Safeguard Properties contributed a \$21,820 to match a \$5,000 donation from the Cleveland Foundation, \$11,314 raised at a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on February 7, and \$5,505 from individual contributions deposited at Chase Bank for a total of \$43,640 raised to benefit the affected families.

Safeguard Properties and The Cleveland Foundation will present support checks to DSCDO during the event. In response to the outpouring of support, Councilman Zone and DSCDO have created a West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Explosion Advisory Committee composed of members of the faith based communities, social service organizations and resident leaders. The Advisory Committee is assessing the needs of every family and will determine what type of assistance is provided to each family.

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### West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Explosion

On January 25, 2010, a vacant home on West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street exploded leaving 9 families homeless due to damage to their homes. A total of 57 homes were damaged from the explosion. In response, the community rallied together and found temporary housing, donated truckloads of clothing and goods, and supported these families with monetary donations.

### Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization

*Mission Statement: The Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization guides the physical, economic, and social development of the neighborhood toward an improved quality of life.*