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**HERITAGE CENTERS AWARDED GRANT FROM
THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION**

(BUFFALO, NY, May 9, 2008) – The New York Bar Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the New York State Bar Association, recently awarded Heritage Centers a grant in the total of \$10,000 that can be renewable for up to three years. The grant funds will be used to provide support for the Heritage Centers Corporate Guardianship Program.

Heritage Centers Corporate Guardianship Program offers individuals, who do not have any family or advocate, the assurance that decisions that affect the quality of life of a person with a disability will be made in their best interest. In particular, this program makes decisions regarding good health care, appropriate housing, appropriate day and recreational programming. The grant award will allow for the hiring of a Corporate Guardianship Coordinator, whose sole responsibility will be to ensure the consistent delivery of quality guardianship services.

"We are thrilled to be able to expand our program with the support from the NY Bar Foundation," said Cynthia Warren, Esq. Heritage Centers Director of Legal and Advocacy Services. "This will enable us to ensure the comprehensive care we provide for individuals that require more extensive care and advocacy."

The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding charitable and educational projects to meet the law-related needs of the public and the legal profession.

Heritage Centers is a local non-profit that employs over 900 people and serves more than 3,000 individuals with disabilities (and their families) each year. Individualized services include, but are not limited to: early intervention, education, residential, vocational, service coordination, legal and advocacy programming.

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