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## **Broward County Vice Mayor and Two Employees Are Honored by the Broward County Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers**

Broward County Vice Mayor Lois Wexler and two Broward County employees, Nancy Cotterman and Michele Jenkins, were recently honored by the Broward County Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Vice Mayor Lois Wexler is an outspoken advocate for Broward County's elderly and children. In January, she organized the 2007 Elder Services Summit, which brought more than 300 people together to discuss and reach consensus on a myriad of issues facing the elderly.

Vice Mayor Wexler is also a member of the Broward Aging Alliance, Children's Services Board, the School Oversight Committee and the One Community Partnership Governance Board, whose vision and mission is to create a system of care for children with serious emotional disturbances. Her public service continues to cover all generations.

For these selfless efforts, Vice Mayor Wexler has been named the 2007 *Elected Official of the Year* by the National Association of Social Workers-Broward County Chapter.

"I have always been passionate about helping and protecting Broward County's elderly and our children. Social workers see the issues everyday and provide services for those in need in our society. I am thankful for this recognition but I applaud all that you do," said Vice Mayor Wexler.

Recognition was also given to Nancy Cotterman, treatment director and section manager with the Broward County Sexual Assault Treatment Center, *2007 Social Worker of the Year*, and Michele Jenkins, who is completing her Florida Atlantic University Master of Social Work internship with the Elderly and Veterans Services Division, *2007 Student Social Worker of the Year*. Connie Harrell, director of the Parent-Teen Program with the Broward County Mental Health Association, was named the *2007 Citizen of the Year*.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with nearly 150,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

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