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### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### **LUMITY TO HOLD 2008 GALA AT NAVY PIER CRYSTAL BALLROOM, ANNOUNCE WINNER OF THE 2008 TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

*More than \$200,000 to be raised to support high-performing nonprofits*

*throughout the Chicago area*

**CHICAGO, March 6, 2008** – Lumity, the nonprofit organization that works to catalyze Chicago's nonprofit community to do more good work through financial management and information technology solutions, will hold the annual **Lumity Gala at the Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier on Saturday, March 8, 2008, from 6 p. m. – 11 p.m.** At this black-tie event, which will raise more than \$200,000 for the charity's operations throughout Chicagoland, Lumity will announce the winner of the 2008 Technology Leadership Award, presented by Accenture. The evening includes a Silent Auction and dancing to the Stitely Orchestra and is emceed by Jan Jeffcoat, morning news anchor/reporter, FOX TV Chicago. Media is invited to attend.

Finalists for the Technology Leadership Award will receive a cash grant from Accenture, a Lumity membership, and a Lumity organizational assessment supported by Microsoft Software. 2008 finalists include The Chicago Foundation for Education, The Community Media Workshop, Howard Brown Health Center, and the Neumann Association, each of which presented to a panel of judges after being selected in a competitive application process.

"This year's finalists have exhibited consistent high performance in the nonprofit sector, and are a

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model for other organizations,” noted Lumity Executive Director Rick Kurtz. “These organizations are wonderful examples of the how Lumity helps nonprofits do their good work better through the application of relevant technology and financial tools.”

Lumity welcomes Accenture as its Presenting Sponsor for the March 8<sup>th</sup> event, and Chief Information Officer (CIO) Frank Modruson will present the Technology Leadership Award. Joining Accenture is the Allstate Corporation and CIO Michael Boyle as a Beacon Sponsor. Sponsors and attendees also include representatives from SAP, IBM, and Oracle, and The Wm. Wrigley Company. Attendees also include the CDW Corporation, Consec, and Forsythe Technology Solutions.

**About Lumity**

Lumity is a nonprofit organization that catalyzes Chicago’s nonprofit community to do more good work. Its services include high quality and affordable services tailored to the needs of Chicago-area charities. Lumity helps to “illuminate the community” by enabling hundreds of nonprofits do their good work better, through the application of relevant technology and financial tools. Lumity is also the home of a range of special programs meeting nonprofits’ particular needs, including NPO.net, an online information service for the philanthropic sector that includes Chicago’s premiere nonprofit job posting site, and the Community Technology Center Accelerator, which addresses the Digital Divide by providing assistance to community technology centers (CTCs) throughout the Chicago. For more information, please visit [www.lumity.org](http://www.lumity.org).

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