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**Barbara Stern recognized for her commitment to Talbert House**  
*Luncheon celebrates generosity of 21st Century Society*

CINCINNATI— The Foundation for Talbert House hosted its annual luncheon to celebrate and thank the forty-two 21<sup>st</sup> Century Society members for their generous commitment to the agency and community. The Richard Shenk Visionary Award was presented to Mrs. Barbara Stern for her dedication to the agency's mission.

Barbara's husband, Robert Stern, was a developer with a mission – to provide affordable housing for those in need. According to Barbara, "he had a deep concern for low-income people, and he believed they deserved a decent place to live". He became a trusted advisor, and after Robert passed away in 1993, Barbara began her own 20-year history of supporting Talbert House. She has supported the Foundation, Make Camp Possible (formerly known as Step Up to the Plate), and other Talbert House initiatives over the years. Ten years ago, her son Alan Piker joined an affiliate board which became a part of Talbert House five years ago.

"The support of Talbert House has been a family affair for which we are very grateful," said Neil Tilow, President and CEO.

The Foundation for Talbert House was established to provide a way to ensure the agency's services are available in to the future. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Society was established to recognize those who made this thoughtful and long-term commitment.

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**Talbert House** is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Adult Behavioral Health, Community Care, Court and Corrections, Housing, and Youth Behavioral Health. Children, adults and families benefit from these proven services. Last year, Talbert House served over 21,700 clients face to face and an additional 53,000 through hotline and prevention services throughout Southwest Ohio. Talbert House's mission is to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.