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Celebration Honors Leadership; Michael Leavitt to Speak at Annual Health Improvement Collaborative Event

The Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati will honor three individuals and two organizations during the 7th annual **Celebration of Collaborative Leadership** event on **Tuesday, November 17**. The dinner event at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati will feature former Health & Human Services Secretary, Michael Leavitt, as the keynote speaker.

The evening will honor outstanding volunteers and partners who have supported the Collaborative's initiatives and programs to improve health throughout the year. Volunteer Leadership Awards will be presented to **Jim Schwab**, Cincinnati Market President of US Bank and **Todd Sebastian**, founder of LINK Training & Consulting. **Carol Williams**, WCPO news anchor; **The Doctors Foundation** and **Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.** will receive Friend of the Collaborative Awards.

Keynote speaker Michael Leavitt will share his perspective on how public and private sectors can work together for meaningful health improvement as well as his insight on the latest from Washington regarding healthcare reform. In addition to his role as HHS Secretary under President Bush, Leavitt served as head of the Environmental Protection Agency and three terms as Governor of Utah.

Over 400 health, business and community leaders and over 30 corporate sponsors are expected to participate in the annual event. GE is the presenting sponsor, with leading support also provided by Catholic Healthcare Partners/Mercy Health Partners and Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.

Tickets for Celebration of Collaborative Leadership are \$150 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Health Improvement Collaborative at 513-531-0267 or go online to www.the-collaborative.org.

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The Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati brings people together to address regional health care issues. On neutral ground facilitated by the Collaborative, these diverse community stakeholders ... hospitals, physicians, insurers, patients, business, government and community members...generate measurable, sustainable health improvement initiatives. Two current initiatives include Cincinnati Aligning Forces for Quality, a partnership with the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focusing on improving outcomes for the chronically ill; and Cincinnati MD Resource Center, a program to recruit and retain an adequate physician supply for the region. The progressive work of the Collaborative has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.