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**CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE  
RECEIVES NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**Minneapolis** – The Center for Victims of Torture is the recipient of the 2007 Nonprofit Excellence Award given by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and MAP for Nonprofits. This award recognizes the professional practices CVT uses in governance, financial management, transparency and fundraising.

The blue ribbon committee that selected CVT for this award commended the organization for its ability to thoroughly evaluate its programs and services and provide services that directly match the organization’s mission and objectives.

“It means so much to receive an award from our peers, who understand what it takes to keep a nonprofit running and focused on its mission,” said Douglas A. Johnson, executive director. “We’ve always been highly focused on our mission because providing care for torture survivors is a long term commitment to see them through the healing process.”

In announcing the award, the Council noted, “This organization continuously strives to identify new needs for trainings, public education and policy initiatives surrounding its mission. By sharing these findings to other torture healing centers and the larger trauma care community, CVT has proved to be an indispensable resource.”

The Nonprofit Excellence Awards recipients were selected by a Blue Ribbon Committee of community leaders, facilitated by MAP for Nonprofits. Committee members reviewed applications submitted by eligible Minnesota nonprofits organizations, based upon criteria from MCN’s Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence. The award recognizes the importance of nonprofits to the quality of life in Minnesota by recognizing achievements that make a significant impact in overall excellence.

CVT is a nonprofit 501(c)3 whose mission is to heal the wounds of torture on individuals, their families and their communities and to stop torture worldwide.

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