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HEADLINE: Greater Baltimore Committee Honors Eddie and Sylvia Brown for Giving; Lt. Governor Anthony Brown for Regional Efforts

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BALTIMORE, May 8 — Baltimore philanthropists Eddie and Sylvia Brown and Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown were honored by the **Greater Baltimore Committee** during the organization's 2008 Annual Meeting on May 7 at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore hotel.

Eddie and Sylvia Brown were recipients of the 2nd Annual Walter Sondheim Public Service Award. The Browns were honored for their remarkable "quiet philanthropy." Without seeking recognition or calling attention to themselves, the Browns have contributed more than \$17 million to a broad range of causes focusing largely on education and the arts in Baltimore.

"Although they avoid calling attention to themselves, Eddie and Sylvia Brown's remarkable giving places them among the elite philanthropists in our city and region," said GBC President & CEO Donald C. Fry in making the award presentation. Eddie Brown is president of Brown Capital Management, Inc.

In the last 14 years, Eddie and Sylvia Brown have given more than \$17 million to a broad range of causes. Recipients of their generosity have included the Baltimore City Public Schools, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Maryland Institute College of Art, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and the Walters Art Museum.

Much of the Browns' giving focuses on education and the arts, reflecting their strong belief that both are vital to enabling inner-city youngsters to grow into well-rounded, successful adults who become assets to their community, said Fry.

The Sondheim Award was created last year to honor the memory of long-time GBC senior advisor and mentor Walter Sondheim Jr. The award recognizes private-sector individuals for outstanding civic and community leadership performed without compensation and without seeking accolades.

Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown received the GBC's Regional Visionary Award, which honors individuals for exemplary commitment to regional teamwork.

Brown was honored for his dedication to forging an agenda for Greater Baltimore and Central Maryland to address issues related to base realignment and closure (BRAC).

"In chairing the Governor's BRAC subcommittee, Lt. Governor Brown has played an instrumental role in converting the hard work and many creative ideas of city and county economic development officers into a regional action plan to realize the full benefits of BRAC," Fry said in presenting the award.

Brown "applied the concepts of regionalism to an important public policy initiative," Fry said. "While the concept of regionalism is not new to the Baltimore region, the prospect of BRAC's economic growth and job creation has strengthened the sense of interdependence among central Maryland jurisdictions."

The GBC's Regional Visionary Award was created in 1997 to honor people who, in their work, recognize the importance of strengthening and unifying the Baltimore metropolitan region, under the philosophy that a rising tide lifts all boats, Fry said.

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