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**Marlborough Resident and Roslindale Program Director Amali De Zoysa
receives Vinfen Board of Directors Scholarship Award**

Cambridge, Mass. —Amali De Zoysa was awarded the 2006 Vinfen Board of Directors Scholarship during Vinfen's 16th Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel on June 14. Program Director De Zoysa was selected based on her outstanding service. Home to seven women struggling with mental illness, the psychiatric rehabilitation residence she heads in Roslindale represents a unique chance at independence for women who have bounced between psychiatric institutions and occasional homelessness in their past. De Zoysa is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Educational Counseling at the University of Massachusetts.

Created in 2004 by Vinfen's Board of Directors, the \$4,000 scholarship is awarded each year to an employee whose significant achievements at Vinfen and commitment to furthering his/her education demonstrate career potential. The main objective is to facilitate professional growth.



Program Director Amali De Zoysa (left) received the 2006 Board of Directors Scholarship during Vinfen's 16th Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. She stands here with Gary W. Lamson, Vinfen's President & CEO, and Karen M. Quigley, Chair of Vinfen's Board of Directors.

Vinfen's Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon is an opportunity for Vinfen to celebrate and give thanks to its extraordinary workforce. Each year, several awards, such as the Special Recognition Award; the Zipple Leadership & Lifelong Learning Award; the Board of Directors Scholarship; the Alberts Foundation Scholarship; and the Kiley Scholarship, are presented to outstanding Vinfen staff members.

This year's event drew a record attendance of more than 700 employees. Special guest speaker State Senator Jarrett Barrios, D-Cambridge, was presented a Friend of Human Services Award in recognition for his continuous support of human service agencies. The award is *The Deep Blue See*, an oil pastel painting by Vinfen's Webster House artist Charles Mugadza. Webster House is a day rehabilitation program located in Brookline Village that helps adults with psychiatric disabilities live and work more independently.

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Established in 1977, Vinfen is a leading nonprofit human services organization that provides a comprehensive array of services to children, adolescents and adults with psychiatric, developmental and behavioral disabilities. Each year, Vinfen supports thousands of individuals in more than 250 residential, respite, day, and crisis intervention programs and services in eastern Massachusetts and northern Connecticut. Vinfen's 2,000 dedicated employees are experienced, highly trained professionals who provide a full range of educational, rehabilitative, and clinical services. www.vinfen.org