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**DCC “Cruise for a Cause” Gathers Political Heavyweights  
Motown On The Water**

*Detroit, MI – July 8, 2009 –* Detroit Central City Community Mental Health, Inc. (DCC) will soon launch its premiere fund-raiser, “Cruise for a Cause” with some high profile heavyweights pulling an oar for the charity. “Cruise for a Cause” will set sail from Jefferson Beach Marina on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> aboard the Ovation yacht. A virtual flotilla of support from some prominent citizens is helping to raise funds and awareness.

“These are very tough times for Michigan, but things are even tougher for people struggling with symptoms of mental illness”, notes DCC President and CEO Irva Faber-Bermudez. “We are very fortunate to have US Senator Carl Levin, restaurateurs Tom Agosta & Mike Viviano, Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano, Dr. Melvin McInnis, Benny Napoleon, Wally Prechter, State Senators Martha Scott and Buzz Thomas, Councilwoman Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, and Dr. Lorna Thomas as honorary chairs. We are all hoping that we will be able to fill the boat and make this a successful event,” she continued.

Sponsors are welcome, and tickets for the all-inclusive dinner-cruise are still available. This year’s theme is the music of Motown, featuring live performances by recording artists “Serieux”, recently featured at the Motor City Casino and fresh from a tour of Japan. Information is available on-line at [www.dcccmh.org](http://www.dcccmh.org), or by calling DCC directly at 313-833-4610.

***DCC is a private non-profit [501(c)(3)] agency that provides ongoing mental health services, substance abuse treatment, housing, and support services to adults in Wayne County. Located in the empowerment zone, DCC serves people in the Midtown/Downtown areas of Detroit. Services are provided by a staff of over 100 including psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, case managers, housing specialists and other professionals who are dedicated to working with individuals struggling to cope with stressors of illness, poverty, and homelessness. Visit [www.dcccmh.org](http://www.dcccmh.org)***

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