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## **BRIDGES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**CINCINNATI, OH – January 14, 2009** – BRIDGES for a Just Community announces the election of Nadeem Z. Quraishi, Steve Wilhelm, Shuko Yoshida, Steven Franks, Carver Johnson, Simón Sotelo and Alice Sparks as new members of the Board of Directors. The new BRIDGES Board members have been appointed to 3-year terms.

Nadeem Z. Quraishi is an attorney with Sams Fischer Packard & Schuessler, LLC and a resident of West Chester. Steve Wilhelm is executive vice president at U.S. Bank and resides in Batavia Township. Shuko Yoshida is an AERS manager at Deloitte & Touche and a resident of Ft. Thomas. Steven Franks is senior counsel at Macy's and a resident of Lebanon. Carver Johnson is vice president of human relations at The Kroger Company and lives in downtown Cincinnati. Simón Sotelo is vice president at PNC Bank and resides in Madeira. Alice Sparks is a Northern Kentucky civic volunteer and lives in Crescent Springs.

"These new Board members represent the racial, religious and cultural inclusion that helps to make our region more attractive to business professionals and more livable for us all," said Robert "Chip" Harrod, president and CEO of BRIDGES for a Just Community. "They have come to BRIDGES at a critical time as we increase awareness of human relations issues facing our region and work with a variety of partners to impact the quality of inter-group relations," Harrod said.

### ***About BRIDGES for a Just Community, Inc.***

BRIDGES for a Just Community brings people together to achieve inclusion, equity and justice for all who live and work in the Greater Cincinnati community. As the region's leading human relations organization, BRIDGES' vision is to create a respectful, equitable and welcoming community for all citizens through education, advocacy and dialogue. Formerly the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of Greater Cincinnati, BRIDGES for a Just

Community has served the region since 1944. For more information, call BRIDGES at 513-381-4660 or visit online at [www.bridgescincinnati.org](http://www.bridgescincinnati.org).

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