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**FIFTH THIRD'S KABAT TO CHAIR ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER  
FOR BRIDGES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY**

*59<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner To Be Held June 4, 2009*

**CINCINNATI, OH – December 15, 2008**– Kevin Kabat, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Fifth Third Bancorp, will chair the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner of BRIDGES for a Just Community.

The awards dinner serves as BRIDGES' major annual fundraiser – the event will be held on June 4, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati. The fundraising goal for this year's dinner is \$450,000. At the dinner, BRIDGES will recognize five local citizens who have made significant contributions to the improvement of human relations in the community.

As Chairman, President and CEO, Kabat is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of Fifth Third Bancorp, a diversified financial services company with \$115 billion in assets, more than 22,000 employees and 18 affiliates in 12 states. In addition to his role at Fifth Third, he is a board member of Unum and Lacks Industries, a member of the Financial Services Roundtable and the Ohio Business Roundtable. Mr. Kabat is a resident of Indian Hill.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, please contact Nina Jackson at BRIDGES at 513-381-4660.

**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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