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**PUBLIC ALLIES, McKIE COMMUNITY CENTER HOST
NORTHSIDE FALL FESTIVAL ON OCT. 25
*“Make A Difference Day” Service Project Creates Green
Space For Community To Enjoy***

CINCINNATI, OH – October 14, 2008 – In honor of “Make A Difference” Day, Public Allies, in collaboration with McKie Community Center in Northside, will host a fall festival on October 25 from 1:30 pm to 4 pm.

The Public Allies will assist McKie in reconstructing gardens, rain swales, and trail work for the surrounding community. Following the reconstruction project, Public Allies and the McKie staff will host a fall festival for the local community and youth. The festival will feature snacks, 15 games and exhibits, music, face painting, and prizes for the youth to win.

McKie, located at 1655 Chase Avenue in Northside, features a Community Center with new Fitness and Cardio rooms, senior programs including lunch, after school youth programs, evening educational and fitness classes for adults and a community garden with 50 garden boxes.

Public Allies are using “Make A Difference’ Day to provide a service project that will benefit the Northside community with nature preservation and created green space. Public Allies are young, diverse, and passionate social change makers who support community projects in partnership with hundreds of local nonprofit organizations.

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The Allies change their lives and the community through a rigorous 10-month AmeriCorps program that combines full-time, paid apprenticeships in nonprofits with intensive skills training, active community-building projects, personalized coaching, and critical reflection.

Public Allies Cincinnati, locally a program of BRIDGES for a Just Community and nationally a part of AmeriCorps, is a leadership development organization created to prepare young leaders for careers in public life. For more information about the program or to make a donation, please contact Yasin Southall at 513-545-9197 or visit online at www.bridgescincinnati.org.

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About Public Allies

Public Allies Cincinnati, a program of BRIDGES for a Just Community, is a leadership development organization created to prepare a new generation of leaders for careers in public life. Public Allies seeks to tap into the often overlooked and tragically undervalued voice of diverse young adults who have traditionally not had access to many of the more conventional leadership opportunities. Founded in 1992 in Washington D.C., Public Allies is operating in 15 cities today. Public Allies became one of the first and most often lauded models for AmeriCorps programs and continues to be funded by AmeriCorps. For more information, call Public Allies Cincinnati at 513-381-4660 or visit online at www.publicallies.org/cincinnati.

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.