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PUBLIC ALLIES ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL JUNE 13
BRIDGES Program Will Hire 30 Young Leaders

CINCINNATI, OH – June 2, 2008 – Public Allies Cincinnati, a program of BRIDGES for a Just Community, will hire 30 diverse, young leaders ages 18 to 30 as part of a paid ten-month leadership development program, which runs from August 2008 to June 2009. Applicants must have their high school diploma or G.E.D. and must be U.S. citizens. The paid internship program, which is part of AmeriCorps, provides participants with practical work experience in local non-profit organizations, leadership development training and community building experience.

“Public Allies have the opportunity to impact a variety of critical issues facing our community, including youth, public health and economic development,” said Robert C. “Chip” Harrod, president and CEO of BRIDGES for a Just Community. “Beyond the apprenticeship year, our young leaders continue to serve their communities and work for social change for years to come,” he added.

The application deadline has been extended to June 13, 2008. For more information or to receive an application, contact Danae Riggs, director of recruitment at 513-559-1300. Public Allies Cincinnati information is available on the web at www.BRIDGEScincinnati.org.

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.

About Public Allies

Public Allies 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 1991 in Washington D.C., Public Allies is operating in 13 communities 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 513-559-1300 or visit online at www.publicallies.org/cincinnati. #####