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**BRIDGES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY HOSTS ELEVENTH  
ANNUAL WALK AND FREEDOM RUN  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009**

*Presented by GE Aviation  
Team Registration Still Open*

**CINCINNATI, OH – September 18, 2009 –** BRIDGES for a Just Community, in partnership with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, will host its 11<sup>th</sup> annual “WALK for a Just Community and Freedom Run” on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The walk/run is a certified 5K (3.1 mile) beginning at 9 am. The event will start and finish at Sawyer Point Yeatman’s Cove with a route that goes through downtown Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

“WALK for a Just Community” is the preeminent event of its kind, attracting a diverse crowd of more than 2,000 individuals representing a wide variety of ethnicities, cultures and religions and designed to promote the value of diversity and inclusion in a welcoming Greater Cincinnati community.

Greater Cincinnati residents, teams organized by local companies, schools, and places of worship all participate in BRIDGES Walk for A Just Community to show their commitment to building a more inclusive and just community. All proceeds support the development and expansion of BRIDGES’ community leadership programs, including Public Allies Cincinnati, “JUST Community” Youth Leadership Institute, and the annual Police/Youth “Live-In” program.

This years WALK sponsors include GE Aviation, Mercy Hospitals, Catholic Healthcare Partners, The Zaring Family Foundation, Xavier University, Corken Steel Products Company, The University of Cincinnati, The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, and the Kroger Company. The event media partner is Local 12, WKRC-TV.

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BRIDGES Walk For A Just Community and Freedom Run registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 24. There will be an aerobic Zumba work out at 9:30, the run begins at 9:45 a.m., and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Following the walk/run, participants can celebrate with a multicultural festival, including food sampling, entertainment, and a kids zone that will introduce children to fun service activities. No registration fee is required for walkers – each walker secures as many pledges as they can from family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. The registration fee for the Freedom Run is \$25.

For more information about the BRIDGES' Walk registration or to organize a team of walkers, please visit [www.bridgescincinnati.org](http://www.bridgescincinnati.org), contact BRIDGES Event Coordinator, Brittany Richardson-Collins, at (513) 381-4660, or register on-line at [www.firstgiving.com/bridgeswalk](http://www.firstgiving.com/bridgeswalk)!

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***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).*