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BRIDGES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New Members To Aid In Advancing Organization

CINCINNATI, OH – December 20, 2007 – BRIDGES for a Just Community announces the election of Carol Aquino, Fran Coleman, Carlos A. Gonzales, Michael P. McCuen, Steve Muhlbaum, Donald Murphy, Evans Nwankwo and Gerald A. Sparkman as new members of the Board of Directors. The new BRIDGES Board members have been elected to 3-year terms.

Carol Aquino, vice president of marketing at the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, is a resident of Hyde Park.

Fran Coleman, with WellPoint/Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, resides in Sharonville.

Carlos A. Gonzales, assistant manager of product quality assurance, electrical/QD for Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing NA, Inc., lives in the Anderson community.

Michael P. McCuen, president & CEO of National City Bank, and Gerald A. Sparkman, vice president of organization effectiveness and project management office at Cincinnati Bell, are residents of Montgomery.

Evans Nwankwo, president & CEO of Megen Construction Company, and Steve Muhlbaum, regional manager for Darden Restaurants, reside in Mason.

Donald Murphy, CEO of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, resides in Westwood.

In addition, former Board officers, Dr. Inayat K. Malik, a resident of Indian Hill, and Anne M. Zaring, of East Walnut Hills, were elected to serve as Emeritus Directors.

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"These new Board members come to BRIDGES for a Just Community at an exciting time – we have successfully relaunched our organization to better serve the region with programs and events that promote inclusion and justice," said Robert "Chip" Harrod, executive director of BRIDGES for a Just Community. "In addition, our second biennial human relation indicator survey will be released this spring to increase awareness of the human relations issues facing our region and measure our community's progress," 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.

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