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**BRIDGES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY HOSTS TENTH  
ANNIVERSARY WALK AND FREEDOM RUN SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 18, 2008**

*Huntington Bank is Presenting Sponsor  
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**CINCINNATI, OH – September 17, 2008 –** BRIDGES for a Just Community, in partnership with presenting sponsor Huntington Bank, along with GE Aviation, Mercy Hospitals, Duke Energy and more than 10 other corporate sponsors, will host its tenth anniversary unity walk, “BRIDGES Walk For A Just Community & Freedom Run,” Saturday, October 18, 2008. The walk/run will start and finish at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center with a certified 5K (3.1 mile) route that goes through downtown Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Greater Cincinnati residents and teams, organized by local companies, schools and places of worship, 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’ and the Freedom Center’s community leadership programs, including “JUST Community” Youth Leadership Institute and the annual Police/Youth “Live-In” program.

“Thousands of people participate in the annual BRIDGES Walk, yet this year’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event promises to be something special. The event has been designed to promote family fun, while a diverse array of cultural entertainment includes singers, dancers and other local performers,” said Robert “Chip” Harrod, president and CEO of BRIDGES.

Mike Prescott, Chairman of Huntington Bank Northern Kentucky/Southern Ohio Region is serving as honorary chair for the BRIDGES Walk. The event media partner is WCPO-TV Channel 9 with WCPO’s Jenell Walton serving as co-chair of the walk. Other walk sponsors include Ethicon Endosurgery, Inc.; Catholic Healthcare Partners; Xavier University; University of Cincinnati; Megen Construction; Fifth Third Bank; Darden Restaurants; The Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati; Chiquita Brands International and The Kroger Company.

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BRIDGES Walk For A Just Community and Freedom Run registration and breakfast begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 18. 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 and entertainment. 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 contact Walk Coordinator Brittany Richardson at (513) 381-4660, ext. #788 or register on-line at [www.bridgescincinnati.org](http://www.bridgescincinnati.org).

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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).*