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The Chicago Community Trust Announces New Fellows

The Trust Fellowship offers professional development opportunities for both emerging and experienced leaders in the nonprofit and public sectors

November 16, 2009, Chicago – **The Chicago Community Trust**, metropolitan Chicago's community foundation, today named nine Trust Fellows – six emerging leaders and three experienced leaders – for 2010. All Fellows were selected for their demonstrated leadership and commitment to their field. The new class of Fellows are leading organizations spanning the nonprofit sector that include housing, policy, science and theater.

The Trust Fellowship is a significant investment in the leadership talent for nonprofit organizations and supports excellence in the sector. All were selected for their creativity, originality, and potential to make important contributions in the future. The Fellowship is designed to elevate the careers of Chicago leaders and increase their future impact on the Chicago metropolitan area.

"At a time when innovation is vital to keep Chicago competitive in this global economy, each of these Trust Fellows represents the next generation of nonprofit leadership," says Terry Mazany, president and chief executive officer of the Trust. "Each Fellow not only has enormous talent and passion, but the imagination and agility required to adapt to these ever-changing times. We are excited to see the leadership that they bring to their field and to the Chicago metropolitan area."

The experienced leaders receive up to \$60,000 and emerging leaders receive up to \$30,000 to fund their professional development plans. The Trust Fellowship offers the opportunity for Fellows to take a leave from work or continue to work while engaging in professional development activities. The Fellowship provides financial resources which can cover current salary and benefits for time off, costs related to academic courses, coaching, learning from other practitioners and other associated expenses. Recipients this year include:

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- Erik Delli Bovi is director of external affairs for Old Town School of Folk Music. (Emerging)
- Carolina Duque is executive director of Mano a Mano. (Emerging)
- Sol Flores is executive director of La Casa Norte. (Emerging)
- Samir Goswami is policy director for Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation. (Experienced)
- Soo Ji Min is executive director of Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health. (Emerging)
- Meade Palidofsky is artistic director of Storycatchers Theatre (formerly Music Theatre). (Experienced)
- John W. Pfeiffer is executive director of Inspiration Corporation.(Experienced)
- Rosa Yemina Ortiz is development manager of Hispanic Housing Development Corporation. (Emerging)
- Laura Zumdahl is associate executive director of Cabrini Green Legal Aid. (Emerging)

“The Trust selected these nine because of their enthusiasm and exuberant energy toward their career and field,” says Maria Bechily, chair of the fellowship selection committee and an executive committee member for the Trust. “They all exude extraordinary passion for their job and inspire their communities to strive for greatness.”

The Trust Fellowship program, while in its second year, builds on a history of Trust fellowships that have contributed in significant ways to increase the quality and diversity of Chicago’s nonprofit leaders. The selection process began with an online application. Nearly 100 applications were received in the summer of 2009. A 13-member selection committee chaired by Executive Committee member Maria Bechily met to review proposals, conduct interviews and make the final decision. The next application process will start in late spring of 2010.

About The Chicago Community Trust

For 94 years, The Chicago Community Trust, our region’s community foundation, has connected the generosity of donors with community needs by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. In 2008, the Trust, together with its donors, granted more than \$100 million to nonprofit organizations. From strengthening schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to helping lives affected by violence, the Trust continues to enhance our region. To learn more, please visit the Trust online at www.cct.org.

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