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Homespace Adds New Board Members

Buffalo, N.Y. – December 15, 2008 – Homespace has added five Western New York executives to its board of directors to guide the Buffalo-based non-profit organization's programs, finances and fundraising activities. The newly appointed directors are Ms. Tafadzwa Chieza, Mr. Sean Howard, Ms. Marianne Kelly, Ms. Kelly Kudla and Ms. Jane Stoyale. The new board members will serve three-year terms ending in the fall of 2011. Homespace provides supportive housing to single parents in the foster care system in order to build young parents' self-sufficiency and independent living skills.

Ms. Chieza is the coordinator of the Buffalo Urban League's Adoption and Foster Care Programs. Over the course of her 30-year career, she has dedicated herself to uniting children with loving and caring families. The Zimbabwean-born executive believes "every child deserves a loving, safe, stable and nurturing family in order to maximize his or her potential." Ms. Chieza completed a bachelor's degree in England at the University of Warwick. She holds a master's degree from the University at Buffalo.

Mr. Howard is a financial advisor for the Buffalo office of UBS Wealth Management. He and the members of the Munro-Burns Group assist their clients with a variety of investment advisory services including asset management and financial, estate and education planning. He holds a bachelor's degree from the Buffalo State College and is completing his master's in business administration at St. Bonaventure University.

Ms. Kelly is the tax director at New Era Cap Co., Inc. where she is responsible for helping the company comply with an array of federal, state and local tax codes. Her work for the Buffalo-based maker of headwear also includes audit management. Ms. Kelly's more than 15 years of experience offers Homespace a seasoned professional who can help the non-profit not only manage its reporting requirements but also forecast its future financial needs.

Ms. Kudla is an assistant branch manager for First Niagara Bank. Her interest in Homespace stems, in part, from chairing a number of successful child and family programs launched by her employer, including the First Niagara Bank Adopt-A-Family Fundraiser. Ms. Kudla also regularly volunteers for Western New York's Junior Achievement program.

Ms. Jane Stoyale is a senior staffer of MCEER, formerly the National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, located at the University at Buffalo. Her duties include managing a team of professional writers and graphic designers; she is also the managing editor of a technical

journal. Beyond her work for UB, Ms. Stoye has been a foster parent as well as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Buffalo State College.

"We thank each of our new board members for lending their energy and skills to support Homespace's staff," said Kim Morris, executive director of Homespace. "Each of our new board members will complement the work that our Budget & Finance, Program and Resource Development committees are currently undertaking on behalf of the parents and children in residence at Homespace."

"I'm very much looking forward to working with our new board members; each brings the kind of passion and creativity that's crucial to guiding the work of a non-profit organization like Homespace," added Martha Lamparelli, president of the Homespace board of directors, and special education coordinator for the Buffalo Board of Education.

About Homespace Corporation

Homespace Corporation is a non-profit organization that provides housing and supportive services to single parents, between the ages of 14-21, and their children who are in the foster care system. The goal of Homespace is to empower parents to develop and use their talents and abilities to become self-sufficient and successful. Learn more about Homespace at www.homespace.org. To make a financial contribution to Homespace or inquire how you can donate your time, please call 716-881-4600.

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