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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2008 MAYOR’S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

INDIANAPOLIS – (October 14, 2008) Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2008 Mayor’s Community Service Awards (MCS). The awards were created to recognize Indianapolis citizens for their volunteer contributions and commitment to community service.

Mayor Greg Ballard will honor MCS award recipients at a ceremony later this year. The names of each recipient will be engraved on individual bricks and will be placed at the Mayor’s Volunteer Plaza at the 11th Street Admiral Spruance basin on the Canal.

The Presidents Roundtable, a women’s leadership organization founded in January 2000, will select the award recipients. The Presidents Roundtable is comprised of 20 organizations. The members include current, incoming, or immediate past presidents from each of these organizations.

Eligibility and Criteria for the MCS Award

· The MCS nominee should be committed to improving the City of Indianapolis and Marion County through voluntary personal service to its citizens to meet community needs.

· The MCS nominee will be judged on initiative and good work accomplished through volunteer service.

· Nominations should be made for direct service, board service or administrative volunteering.

· An individual, agency, corporation, or organization may nominate individuals.

· Decisions made by the judges are final.

· Nominees must be residents of Indianapolis/Marion County.

To qualify, a nominee must have three references who may be contacted to verify the scope and extent of the nominee’s activities. References should be persons familiar with the community service activities for which the nomination is made, and should not include either the nominee or any persons related to the nominee. The nominator may not be included as one of the three references listed.
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Nominators are asked to describe and highlight how your nominee volunteers to serve our community and limit your comments to 500 words. Nominees may fit several categories including Arts, Business, Church, Special Needs, Education, Elderly, Health/Hospitals, Media, Neighborhood, Philanthropy, Sports, and Youth.

Deadline

Please submit nomination form to MCS Awards, Melissa Hauger, Office of the Mayor, 200 E. Washington St., 2501 City-County Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or fax to (317) 327-5271.

The deadline is November 14, 2008. If the nomination form is received after the deadline date, it will be included in the next year’s selection process.

For more information, or to access the nomination form, please visit: http://www.indygov.org/eGov/Mayor/101408a.htm.

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