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**NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR JUST COMMUNITIES LAUNCHES
COALITION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

*Members In 16 States Working Together To Build
More Inclusive, Just Communities Throughout the U.S.*

CINCINNATI, OH – February __, 2008 – The newly-formed National Federation for Just Communities announces a coalition of 18 member organizations across America dedicated to building communities by advancing inclusion and social justice issues. The national network of human relations organizations has members in 16 states, including Arkansas, California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Virginia.

With a lengthy history in human relations work, members of the National Federation for Just Communities (NFJC) are leading their local communities in addressing issues of diversity and inclusion. The new NFJC is an alliance of members dedicated to sharing trends and working collaboratively on important social justice issues that impact their communities. The organization's priority focus areas include youth, workplace, interfaith relations and community needs. As a group, they plan to leverage their collective coalition to promote a national agenda dedicated to the values of diversity, inclusion and social justice.

"The Federation's mission and work grow out of the social justice movement of the early 20th century. Since then we have become a nation with many races, ethnicities and cultures – more diverse than the 'melting pot' of old," said Inayat K. Malik, M.D., chairman of the National Federation for Just Communities and emeritus board member of BRIDGES for a Just Community, the NFJC member in Greater Cincinnati.

"As our population becomes more culturally diverse, the National Federation for Just Communities is dedicated to full acceptance and social justice for all groups, values that many of our member organizations have held dear during their long history of work across America," he added.

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NFJC member organizations develop educational programs, conferences, training and consultation to meet the needs of the states and communities they serve. While the work is focused on the human relations issues and needs of each state and community, several common program areas have become hallmarks of NFJC member organizations.

Youth leadership development and diversity education serve as pillars of a national strategy to improve inter-group relations and promote inclusive communities locally. Other common strategies for members include empowering community leaders, facilitating community dialogue, providing workplace training, developing public policy and conducting research to measure progress on social justice issues.

For more information about the **National Federation for Just Communities** or **to locate the NFJC member in 18 communities and states around the country**, please visit online at www.federationforjustcommunities.org.

About the National Federation for Just Communities

The National Federation for Just Communities is a coalition of like-minded organizations working across America to bring the values of diversity, inclusion and social justice to our communities, schools, workplaces and institutions. The National Federation for Just Communities supports its member organizations in the human relations work of building community by advancing inclusion and justice throughout the United States. For more information about NFJC, visit online at www.federationforjustcommunities.org

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