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### **NONPROFIT, FAITH-BASED AND FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BAN TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE STOP SIX AREA**

FORT WORTH, TX (October 13, 2009) – Several organizations are joining forces to support Keystone Community Outreach Church by hosting a community fair for over 700 residents from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2009, in the Cavile Housing Development located on 5020 East Rosedale Fort Worth, TX. This Saturday is nationally recognized as Make a Difference Day.

Local nonprofit organizations will set-up booths to raise community awareness about their causes, conduct workshops on health and financial literacy, and provide family-centered entertainment such as a three-on-three basketball tournament and a talent show for residents.

Event partners include Partners for Sacred Places, Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), Citigroup, KHAVN and Jack and Jill, Inc. of Arlington, TX.

*“The goal of the event is to connect this community with resources in their area while also providing hope and encouragement for the residents in the Cavile Housing Development,”* said **Froswa Booker-Drew**, Director of the Texas Office of **Partners of Sacred Places**. *“We are so excited to partner with wonderful nonprofit and for-profit organizations to demonstrate our unified commitment to bettering this community. This is the perfect example of neighbors helping neighbors.”*

In the spirit of Make a Difference Day, a national day of neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers are asked to sign-up to assist with event set-up, running the basketball tournament, and directing community residents to workshops. According to the Make a Difference Day website, in 2008, more than three million American citizens participated throughout the country. The day of service is always held the fourth Saturday in October.

*“Through the Student Engagement Division at the Volunteer Center of North Texas, it is our goal to recruit as many youth volunteers as possible to participate in this initiative,”* said **Jonathan Wallace**, manager of Youth Volunteer Corps for VCNT. *“We know students can play a major role in improving their communities and we are excited about offering an avenue for them to make a difference right in their own backyard.”*

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Volunteers from Youth Volunteer Corps of North Texas, a program of the VCNT, will coordinate children's activities and manage a diaper collection drive, benefitting infants and young children in the housing development.

For more information about Make a Difference Day, visit <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/aboutmadd.html>

**About the Volunteer Center of North Texas**

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT), founded in 1971, is one of the largest and most active volunteer centers in the country. A primary purpose of VCNT is to recruit volunteers, including individuals, corporations and civic and faith-based groups, to serve nonprofits and their clients throughout the North Texas area. For more information, visit [www.vcnt.org](http://www.vcnt.org).

To learn more about Partners for Sacred Places, a national, nonsectarian nonprofit, visit [www.sacredplaces.org](http://www.sacredplaces.org).

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