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Minnesota Housing Names Dan Bartholomay New Commissioner

St. Paul, Minn. (October 17, 2008) – Today, Dan Bartholomay, of The McKnight Foundation, was named as the new Minnesota Housing Commissioner. Bartholomay, who succeeds Tim Marx, will start his new position on November 10. Minnesota Housing Partnership applauds Governor Pawlenty for a smart appointment and congratulates Dan Bartholomay on his new opportunity.

“Dan is a great choice for the finance agency position,” said Chip Halbach, executive director with the Minnesota Housing Partnership. “He has field experience revitalizing low-income communities and forging collaborative relationships in the community. This background will provide a tremendous asset to Minnesota Housing.”

Bartholomay will go to Minnesota Housing after thirteen years as McKnight’s Region and Communities program director, which tackles such issues as affordable housing, economic development, and transportation. Over the past few years, Bartholomay led efforts that culminated in The McKnight Foundation’s recent recommitment to affordable housing as a means to strengthen families and communities.

Prior to McKnight, Bartholomay served for five years as executive director for the North End Area Revitalization. NEAR, a nonprofit that merged with Hamline-Midway Area Redevelopment Corporation in 2003, worked to improve the North End Neighborhood of Saint Paul through community and economic development as well as affordable housing creation and renovation.

The Minnesota Housing Partnership is a statewide nonprofit organization that advances the preservation and creation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people as a means of strengthening communities and families. MHP provides local governments and nonprofit housing organizations access to loans, grants, and technical expertise to plan and construct housing, in addition to advocating and educating people on sound housing policies. MHP’s work in Greater Minnesota is primarily supported by The McKnight Foundation.

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