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## **MHP Welcomes Five New Board Members**

**St. Paul, Minn. (December 12, 2007)** – At its December meeting, the Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) Board of Directors appointed five new board members. The five appointments demonstrate MHP's dedication to providing a forum for Minnesota's business community to join with nonprofit and local government in seeking solutions to the affordable housing challenges facing the state. The new members are:

- **Dean Doyscher, President, Security Management & Realty, Mankato.** Mr. Doyscher has over 37 years of housing and development leadership experience, including both government and private enterprises. Dean also brings financial and banking experience to MHP as the founder and director of Northern Star Bank. He currently works as a developer in Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota and as president of Security Management & Realty Inc., a residential and commercial property management company which operates throughout rural Minnesota.
- **Jenny Martinez, Human Resources Director, Swift & Company, Worthington.** Ms. Martinez brings a passion for outreach to low-income and newly arrived immigrants in her work at Swift & Company, which she hopes to bring to MHP's board of directors. With current work, and previous work with Sara Lee and Frito Lay International, Jenny has considerable experience with the intersection of employment, housing, and immigration.
- **Jim Miley, President of Residential Real Estate, Bremer Bank, Twin Cities.** Mr. Miley has twenty-seven years experience in mortgage banking. Prior to working at Bremer Bank, Jim held leadership positions at U.S. Bank, Marquette Financial Companies, and North American Mortgage Corporation. Jim's many professional associations include the Minnesota Builders Association, Minnesota Mortgage Bankers Association, and the Minnesota Bankers Association.
- **Mike Sell, Community Development Director, US Bank Home Mortgage, Twin Cities.** Mr. Sell's banking career started in 1970 and he has since worked his way up to

his current position with US Bank where he oversees affordable housing lending in 26 states. In addition, he serves on Minnesota Foreclosure Prevention Association and Neighborhood Housing Services of Minneapolis boards of directors.

- **Karl Starr, IT Workforce Management Consultant, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Twin Cities.** Mr. Starr's exemplary career with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans spans three decades. As an ambassador for Thrivent's newly refocused community involvement efforts, he hopes to help increase economic self-sufficiency in Minneapolis and beyond. Mr. Starr also is a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and has helped build homes for people near (across the street from his home in South Minneapolis) and far (Romania).

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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