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NeighborWorks® Resource Group Welcomes New Executive Director

NeighborWorks® Resource Group has announced Cindy A. Mims has been selected as the executive director. Board president, Charlotte Edwards, commented, "We are excited to have Cindy on board as the permanent, executive director. Cindy's leadership will be instrumental in moving NeighborWorks® Resource Group forward as an organization. With her vision, work ethic, and guidance, NeighborWorks® Resource Group will be able to move in the direction of achieving our strategic goals for 2010 and beyond. We welcome her depth of experience, particularly in housing-related issues, as well as her strong commitment to service."

Mims is a well-respected member of the community and has served on the Boards of Virginia Supportive Housing, Highland Park Community Development Corporation, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, the American Business Women's Association, Richmond Economic Development Corporation, NeighborWorks® Resource Group, the Board of Commissioners for Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Southern Barton Heights Community Association, and has been a stalwart community volunteer. Formerly Community Development Manager for SunTrust, Mims was appointed interim executive director of NWRG in September 2009 and appointed to the permanent, executive director position beginning January 2010.

"These are challenging times in the housing sector," said Mims. "People want to know there is an organization specifically designed to enable them to be successful in their journey to homeownership, even if it means engaging in a process that could take a year or more to get their current financial situation on stable ground. Our goal here is not only to help participants achieve their homeownership dreams, but also to pave the way for them to become financially educated and aware so they are able to make better financial decisions in the future.

Mims' vision for the future of NWRG includes working directly with the City of Richmond and surrounding communities to achieve the mission of promoting successful homeownership, strengthening partnerships with peer organizations, local municipalities, and the private sector to build sustainable communities.

About NeighborWorks® Resource Group

Established in 1981, **NeighborWorks® Resource Group** is a private, non-profit organization created specifically to present opportunities for low and moderate income families preparing to purchase affordable homes and to strengthen communities in Richmond and central Virginia. NeighborWorks® Resource Group serves as a central resource for services and training to help homebuyers purchase, rehabilitate, insure, and maintain their home. For more information, we invite you to visit www.nwresourcegroup.org.

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