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MONTCLAIR RESIDENTS SUPPORT GALA FUNDRAISER FOR NEWARK SCHOOL

(Newark, NJ – October 29, 2009) Montclair residents Wendy Lacey, Karen and Mitch Cahn, and Patricia Devine-Harms are working diligently to ensure the success of Link Community School's major fundraiser, *A Taste of Newark*, slated for Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 pm at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. The event features an evening of delicious food from the finest restaurants and culinary establishments in and around Newark, exciting silent and live auctions and thrilling student performances. This year's event will honor another Montclair resident, Margo Walter, for her long-term commitment to Link.

An event of the magnitude of *A Taste of Newark* requires a large committee of friends and volunteers, such as these Montclair residents, willing to spend almost a year planning and preparing for the event. Mrs. Lacey, who is also the Chairperson of the school's Board of Trustees, has been seeking sponsors for the benefit - corporation, foundation and individuals to support the event. Mr. Cahn, new to the benefit committee this year, has been working on publicity and ticket sales while his wife Karen has been seeking restaurant participation. Mrs. Devine-Harms, who is a long time supporter of Link, has acquired items for the silent auction from Montclair businesses, including The Chocolate Path and Younique Yoga and Fitness. Volunteers from The Junior League of Montclair – Newark will be on hand at the event to assist guests with registration and the auction.

Link Community School, located in the Central Ward of Newark, is an independent middle school serving the youth of a range of abilities from families of limited means in Newark and the surrounding area. The school provides a highly effective learning community grounded in Core Values and a challenging curriculum that prepares students for academic and lifelong success. *A Taste of Newark* provides about one-quarter of the school's operating budget each year. For more information about the event, contact Ngozi Emeyonu at 973-642-5343 or nemeyonu@linkschool.org. The event website is www.atasteofnewark.org.

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