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“A TASTE OF NEWARK” EVENT TO BENEFIT URBAN YOUTH

NEWARK, NJ (October 21, 2009) - Link Community School's annual fundraiser, *A Taste of Newark*, will take place on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. This annual benefit, which raises approximately one-quarter of the school's operating budget, celebrates the school and its mission to provide an outstanding middle school education for youth of a range of academic abilities from families of limited means. The event will also honor Link trustee Margo Walter of Montclair, NJ for her long-time commitment to the school's mission, as a volunteer, trustee, mentor and donor.

A Taste of Newark features “samplings” of delicious food from the finest restaurants and culinary establishments in and around Newark, such as 60 Park Grill, Theater Square Grill, Woodrow's Café, John's Place, Jamaican Village Restaurant, Mexicali Rose, Greek Taverna and many more. While munching on gustatory delights, guests can bid on a wonderful array of silent auction items including tickets to sports events, theaters, sports memorabilia, specialty baskets and fine jewelry. Later in the evening, guests adjourn to the Victoria Theater for a thrilling program by Link students, an inspiring alumni speaker, and a rousing live auction with offerings such as destination golf outings, exclusive vacation homes, and fabulous weekends in NYC.

Link Community School, an independent middle school in the Central Ward of Newark, was founded as an act of social justice in 1969 by the Sisters of St. Dominic, Caldwell and has served over 2200 students. The school provides a highly effective learning community grounded in Core Values and a challenging curriculum that prepares students for academic and lifelong success. And Link student success is legendary: Link students experience an average increase of 2.0 grade levels in their standardized test scores; 100% admission to private high schools; substantial scholarships of over \$7 million in the past seven years to some of the nation's top high schools; a 95% high school graduation rate; and 90% of Link's graduates enrolls in college.

Link is grateful to the many international and local corporations, businesses, foundations and individuals sponsoring the event. Additional sponsorships are still available, as are tickets to the event. Patron tickets cost \$100 and Benefactor tickets, \$250. For more information, please contact Ngozi Ememyeonu at 973-642-5343 or nememyeonu@linkschool.org or visit the event website, www.atasteofnewark.org.

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