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LINK COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN NEWARK HONORS TRUSTEE AT FALL BENEFIT

(Newark – September 22, 2009) Link Community School announced it will honor Margo Walter of Montclair, NJ, for her commitment and dedication to Link and its students at the school's annual benefit, *A Taste of Newark*, slated for Thursday, November 12 at NJPAC at 5:30 pm. Mrs. Walter has more than a decade-long association with the school during which she has served on the school's Board of Trustees, offered personal mentoring for Link students, and, along with her husband, Frank Walter, provided generous support for the school. In honoring Mrs. Walter, Ngozi Emeyeeonu, event manager and Link's Director of Annual Fund, asserts "Margo is a natural choice as an honoree this year, as she has been instrumental in helping us to truly live the Link mission by giving of her talents and resources for so many years. More importantly, we honor Margo for the many lives that she continues to impact."

Mrs. Walter began her relationship with Link through a volunteer project initiated by the Junior League of Montclair-Newark in the 1990's. Starting as a volunteer classroom aide, she then worked on a committee to transform the school library and sponsored a student. In 2002, she was invited to join the school's Board of Trustees where she has served on the education and trustees committees, chairing the latter. Ms. Walter is very active in the life of the school by providing a mentoring group for female students each year. Earlier in 2009, Ms. Walter developed and hosted a special program for all girls at Link, *Empowering Women*, during which a panel of professional women, mainly African American and Latina, shared their career and life experiences as inspiration and encouragement for the girls.

Of her relationship with Link, Ms. Walter states, "I continue to experience a passion for Link as I see it continue the mission of social justice the Sisters of St. Dominic were originally inspired by. Bit by bit, kid by kid, we are sending Newark-area youth into the world with a vision for their lives and the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve it. This is a life-long tool they are gaining, and I am proud to be part of this amazing mission!"

The benefit event, *A Taste of Newark*, features delicious food from over 20 restaurants and culinary establishments in Newark and the surrounding area, live and silent auctions with a wide variety of exciting items, a thrilling performance by Link students and an inspiring speech by a Link alumnus is the school's major fundraising event. The proceeds of the evening help Link, an independent middle school in Newark's Central Ward maintain its excellent academic program, based on Core Values, for youth with a range of academic abilities from families of limited means in and around Newark. For more information about the event, please visit www.atasteofnewark.org or contact Ngozi Emeyeeonu at (973) 642-5343.