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Get on Board event scheduled for November 8

Annual event connects community volunteers with nonprofit organizations

INDIANAPOLIS – October 12, 2007. More than 1,000 volunteers have been connected to nonprofit organizations through Lacy Leadership Association's Get on Board event. This year's event will take place on November 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Indiana Historical Society.

More than 70 Indianapolis-area nonprofit organizations representing the arts, education, social services, health and the environment will showcase their missions, services and volunteer opportunities. Hundreds of civic-minded individuals are expected to attend to learn how they can get involved. Get on Board is a Spirit & Place 2007 Festival partner.

In addition to the annual event, Lacy Leadership Association (LLA) is teaming up with Leadership Ventures to provide a new leadership training component. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a thought-provoking keynote address given by William P. Ryan, author of the groundbreaking book *Governance as Leadership: Reframing Nonprofit Boards*.

Ryan, a research fellow at the Hauser Center, will challenge leaders to think about governance differently by exploring how they can practice it differently. Unlike board-in-a-box models that prescribe rigid operating instructions, the governance-as-leadership framework offers several principles that leaders can utilize to improve their organizations effectiveness.

The keynote address is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

"This will be a wonderful day for Indianapolis, as civic-minded individuals will have an opportunity to see all the different ways they can impact the nonprofit community by volunteering their time and leadership talents. Plus, nonprofit executives will benefit from practical leadership training," said Theresa Farrington Rhodes, executive director of Lacy Leadership Association (LLA).

Get On Board helped 213 individuals get involved with nonprofit organizations in 2006, including 87 new board members and 126 committee members and leadership volunteers.

"Each year Get on Board continues to grow in linking volunteer leadership with the nonprofit community," Rhodes said. "Since 2003, Get on Board has resulted in more than 1,000 connections, and that's helped strengthen the fabric of our Indianapolis nonprofit sector."

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