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**McGREGOR FUND ANNOUNCES SELCTION OF THE FIRST
EUGENE A. MILLER FELLOWS**

The McGregor Fund is pleased to announce the first three grants of the Eugene A. Miller Fellows Program, which have been awarded to support sabbaticals for: Cheryl P. Johnson, CEO of Coalition on Temporary Housing (COTS); Tony Rothschild, President/CEO of Common Ground; and John Van Camp, President/CEO of Southwest Solutions.

All three selected Miller Fellows have designed sabbaticals that will provide a reprieve from their everyday responsibilities and allow them to pursue activities that will contribute to their skills, knowledge and commitment to their field. In addition to the strength of their sabbatical plans, the three Fellows have been selected for their distinguished records of accomplishment, their demonstrated ability to lead and motivate staff and their leadership stature among peers in the human services field at large.

Each Miller Fellow's sabbatical plan reflects their unique professional and personal interests and takes advantage of opportunities for training, best practices study, travel, personal reflection and service to their fields. Ms. Johnson has designed a sabbatical that focuses on intensive life coaching and reflection, and acquiring the skills to train others in the role of a life coach. Mr. Rothschild's sabbatical will entail both study and teaching in the field of non-profit board governance, as well as learning more about international best practices in mental health and helping to build the capacity of a Washington, D.C.-based mental health advocacy group. Mr. Van Camp will undertake a comprehensive study of best practices across the mental health, community development and social enterprise fields. Both he and Mr. Rothschild also plan immersion courses in Spanish language.

The Eugene A. Miller Fellows Program recognizes and encourages excellence in the leadership of an agency by providing support for a sabbatical for the agency's

president, executive director or founder. The program awards up to three grants annually of up to \$50,000 each to selected human services agencies, chosen from among recent McGregor Fund grantees with chief executives of long standing. In future years, the Fund may expand eligibility to include other program areas of the Fund's grantmaking program. In addition to providing financial support for sabbatical expenses, grants made under the Miller Fellows Program may also be used to support direct costs incurred by the agencies while their executives are on leave.

This year's Fellows were selected by a committee of McGregor Fund Trustees James B. Nicholson, Board Chair, and Dr. Susan Schooley, along with Dr. Glenda D. Price, former President of Marygrove College and community volunteer. The program, announced in April 2009, honors McGregor Fund trustee and former board chairman Eugene A. Miller, retired Chairman and CEO of Comerica Bank and an exemplary community leader over many decades of volunteer service.

The McGregor Fund is a private foundation established in 1925 by gifts from Katherine and Tracy McGregor "to relieve the misfortunes and promote the well-being of mankind." The foundation awards grants to organizations in the following areas: human services, education, health care, arts and culture, and public benefit. The area of principal interest of the foundation is the City of Detroit and Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. The McGregor Fund has granted over \$190 million since its founding and had assets of \$141 million as of June 30, 2009. For more information, visit our website at www.mcgregorfund.org