

FIRSTLINK ANNOUNCES ITS 2005–2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COLUMBUS, OH—FIRSTLINK recently announced its roster for the 2005-2006 Board of Directors. **Chris McGovern**, President of Emerging Marketing, was named the new board chair. He succeeds **Joseph J. Patrick, Jr.**, Shareholder, Schneider Downs & Co., who will continue on the board and serve as Treasurer and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Other elected officers include Vice President and Chair, Development Committee, **John Hamilton**, Associate Director of Agency Development, Big Brothers Big Sisters; and Secretary, **Kerry Strayer PhD**, Associate Professor of Communication, Otterbein College.

The board welcomed new executive committee members including Chair, Fund Development, **Courtney Mignery**, Senior Business Development Specialist, Dawson; Chair, Human Resources, **Fick Wilcox**, Richard C. Wilcox & Associate, LTD; and Chair, Public Relations, **Christine Bascom-Adams**, Partner, Bascom & Adams Business Solutions.

The newly announced board members are: **Kimberly Cocroft**, Associate Attorney, Commercial Litigation and Labor and Employment Groups, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs; **Philip Hartmann**, Partner, Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn; **Leon David Kessel**, Pharmacist/President, Kessco Drugs; **Roy M. Lydic**, Senior Manager, Schneider Downs & Co; **Kenneth Wallace**, Partner/Owner, ChaseTex, LLC; LLP; and **Christine Bascom-Adams**.

“These individuals bring an abundance of technical knowledge and expertise to our board that certainly will benefit FIRSTLINK,” says McGovern. “They are terrific citizens, recognized for their professional and civic contributions. I am delighted they have agreed to join us in governing the agency.”

Retiring from FIRSTLINK’s board are **Arlene Lewis**, Director of National Development, Wendy’s International, Inc.; **Paul Bittner**, Attorney at Law, Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn; and **Bob Horn**, Director of Human Resources, Tim Hortons.

FIRSTLINK’S Board is composed of Greater Columbus business and community leaders. Members volunteer their time and expertise to advance the mission of FIRSTLINK. For a full list of the 2005-2006 Board of Directors go to www.firstlink.org on the web.

ABOUT FIRSTLINK

FIRSTLINK is the Volunteer Center and Information and Referral agency in Franklin County. Our mission is to strengthen and enhance the quality of life in our community by mobilizing volunteers and connecting people to critical community resources. You can reach FIRSTLINK at 195 North Grant Ave., Columbus, OH 43215, or call 614.221.6766 ext. 113 for more information.

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