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The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society Announce new partnership to offer the Neighborhood Leadership Program

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (Sept 8, 2010) – The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation and the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) announce a new collaboration to support existing and emerging leaders to build knowledge, skills and connections for effective community leadership through the Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP). Wilder’s Neighborhood Leadership Programs have trained more than 600 community leaders since they began 15 years ago. This new collaboration, made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on November 4, 2008, will allow community members the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills to take action by also looking at community history and how that can inform their actions today.

Applications are being accepted until September 27. This six-month training program is open to anyone who works, lives or volunteers in St. Paul and is interested in becoming more involved in the community. There is space for 30 participants. Classes are held twice each month from October through April. Child care and transportation services are available. During the six-month program, participants learn many new skills, including gaining a greater understanding and awareness of themselves, developing effective working relationships with others, and engaging in meaningful action in the community. Participants are also teamed with personal coaches to help establish one-on-one relationships between existing community and neighborhood leaders and NLP students.

People interested in the training can register for as little as \$100, making the valuable training affordable. Participants often find sponsorship for the program fee and scholarships are available on a limited basis. For more information or to apply, please call 651-280-2457, email NLP@wilder.org, or visit our website at www.wilder.org/nlp.html.

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About the Wilder Foundation

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is a nonprofit health and human services organization that has served the greater St. Paul, Minn., area since 1906. Through a variety of programs and services, Wilder addresses the needs of the most vulnerable in the East Metropolitan area. For more information, visit www.wilder.org

About the Minnesota Historical Society

The Minnesota Historical Society is a non-profit educational and cultural institution established in 1849. Its essence is to illuminate the past as a way to shed light on the future. The Society collects, preserves and tells the story of Minnesota’s past through museum exhibits, libraries and collections, historic sites, educational programs and book publishing.