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**YouthBuild Philadelphia and Resources for Human Development
to Dedicate New Home to the 26th Street Community**

Former High School Dropouts-Turned Graduates Rebuild a Home and Rebuild Their Lives

WHAT: YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School and Resources for Human Development (RHD) will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate a newly rehabilitated, single-family home to the 26th Street community in North Philadelphia. As part of their vocational training, YouthBuild students were contracted to rehabilitate the home by RHD, a diversified non-profit social service organization. The home was recently purchased by RHD Employment Coordinator Say Jones, a single mother of two children.

The ceremony will include dedication speeches, a ribbon cutting, cake and punch and tours of the home. YouthBuild Executive Director Simran Sidhu will read a dedication letter from First Lady Marjorie Rendell of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Say Jones' children 13-year-old Michael Faulkner and 3-year-old Fay Ross will help to cut the ribbon. Mayoral candidate Michael Nutter is scheduled for a potential stop-by at the end of the ceremony.

WHO: Gathering to include RHD and YouthBuild (students 150+, staff, partners and supporters) and community members. Speakers scheduled:

- Joseph C. Certaine, director, Governor's Office, Southeast Region
- Eric Bischoff, projects manager, RHD
- Simran Sidhu, executive director, YouthBuild Philadelphia
- Don Pinkney, director of construction, YouthBuild Philadelphia
- Say Jones, new home owner
- Charnae Lee, construction student, YouthBuild Philadelphia

WHEN: June 20, 2007 – 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: 3018 North 26th St., Philadelphia, PA. The ceremony will take place in front of the home. Parallel parking is available on side streets.

YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School is a not-for-profit organization that provides out-of-school youth in Philadelphia the broadest range of tools, supports and opportunities available to become self-sufficient, responsible and productive citizens. YouthBuild Philadelphia offers an innovative 10-month program, which blends a rigorous academic curriculum with valuable community service experience and on-the-job training in construction, technology or nursing.

Students at YouthBuild Philadelphia can earn their high school diplomas and make successful transitions to full-time jobs, post-secondary educations, or further service with AmeriCorps. For more information, visit www.youthbuildphilly.org.

Resources for Human Development provides caring, effective, efficient, and innovative services that support people in building better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.