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LINC HOUSING CORPORATION TEAMS WITH SIX ROSE FELLOWS TO TEACH INNER-CITY YOUTH ABOUT ARCHITECTURAL CAREERS

Millions to Volunteer on "Make a Difference Day," Oct. 28

LOS ANGELES (Oct. 25, 2006) – Bartlett Hill Manor in Los Angeles will be the site this Saturday, Oct. 28, of a special Career Day focused on architectural and landscape architectural careers. The event, part of the 16th "Make a Difference Day," is co-hosted by LINC Cares, the resident services division of LINC Housing Corporation (LINC), a nonprofit developer of affordable housing for families and seniors throughout California, and six Rose Fellows.

The Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship is designed to promote architectural and community design in low-income neighborhoods. The focus is on improving the quality of life through design that promotes human interaction. LINC Housing Corporation's Rose Fellow Noel Toro will join five other Rose Fellows from across the country to work directly with 20 youth, ages 6-21. These students are all residents of Bartlett Hill Manor, a LINC-owned affordable apartment complex in the Chinatown district of Los Angeles.

The event includes discussions about architecture and the role of architects, "The Home of the Future" project where participants will draw their ideas of what a house might be like in the future, and tours of two local architectural landmarks -- the Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Lunch is being donated by Subway.

"A recent study published in *Education Week* revealed that Los Angeles has the sixth worst graduation rate among U.S. cities, and the high school drop-out rate hovers at 50 percent," noted Toro. "'Make a Difference Day' is an opportunity for Rose Fellows and LINC Cares to reach out to students in low-income communities to motivate them to stay in school and succeed in life."

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This Career Day is one of thousands of community service projects happening this weekend. Millions of Americans across the country are expected to spend Saturday doing volunteer projects to improve their communities and help neighbors in need. The day is the largest community service effort in the nation, rallying corporations, government leaders, charitable organizations and everyday Americans into action on one day.

On the last “Make A Difference Day,” a record 3 million volunteers participated and an estimated 28 million people-in-need benefited. Projects have ranged from a countywide cleanup involving thousands of people to a mentoring program in which members of a sorority provided one-on-one support to 35 underprivileged children.

For more information about “Make A Difference Day,” please call your local volunteer center or the “Make A Difference Day” Hot Line at (800) 416-3824. More information and a national databank of local project plans is available at the Web site www.makeadifferenceday.com. For more information about LINC Housing and LINC Cares, please visit www.linchousing.org.

About LINC Housing Corporation

Headquartered in Long Beach, Calif., LINC Housing Corporation is one of California’s most productive nonprofit developers of affordable housing for seniors and families. LINC has had a hand in the development of more than 6,000 homes in 45 communities throughout California. The organization’s properties are known for excellent design, outstanding management and life-enhancing services for its residents. LINC has 23 years of service to families, seniors, and local governments helping to create sustainable communities throughout California via new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation, and/or historic preservation.

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