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2009 Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y

I am delighted to announce that the 2009 Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y is now accepting applications from community leaders who are citizens and residents of Azerbaijan; the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania; Cambodia; Ethiopia; Israel; Liberia; and Uruguay. Applications must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by June 30, 2008 to be considered. Please distribute the attached brochures and applications to individuals you think would benefit from this wonderful opportunity.

This annual fellowship is funded by the Ford Motor Company and organized by the 92nd Street Y to provide education and support to community leaders engaged in the nonprofit sector. To date, 179 individuals from 46 countries have received the Ford Fellowship, which is now in its eighth year.

A successful applicant must demonstrate that he or she:

- is a community leader engaged in the nonprofit sector, either professionally or as a volunteer;
- is successfully addressing issues that affect the community's well-being; and
 - would benefit from an intensive three-week nonprofit management training course in New York.

Previous Ford Fellows include:

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- a South African AIDS educator;
- the president of a Jewish aid society facilitating Bosnia-Herzegovina's transition to democracy;
- a sustainable development expert from Zimbabwe;
- the founder of an Indian organization that educates women and children working in the silk industry; and
- an Indonesian advocate for ethnic minorities.

The residency takes place June 5-June 24, 2009 in New York City. Airfare, accommodation, food, transportation, instruction, and other program-related expenses are included in the fellowship, and participants receive a small stipend upon arrival.

During the intensive three-week residency, Ford Fellows take classes in areas including nonprofit management strategy and leadership training at Columbia University's Picker Center for Executive Education. The academic curriculum is complemented by visits to model nonprofits in New York City and meetings with academic, business, and government leaders. The experience is enhanced by Fellows' residency at the 92nd Street Y, a community and cultural center founded in 1874 that now serves over 300,000 people annually.

The Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y provides a tremendous opportunity to international community leaders, and I would greatly appreciate your help in distributing the enclosed brochures and applications to people and organizations that could benefit from this opportunity. Again, **applications for the 2009 Fellowship must be postmarked**, **faxed**, **or emailed no later than June 30, 2008**. For more information about the program, please see the attached brochures or visit our website at <u>www.92Y.org/ford</u>. Please contact me at 212.415.5473 or <u>agardy@92Y.org</u> or my assistant Elizabeth Komoroski at 212.415.5561 or <u>ekomoroski@92Y.org</u> if you have any question or wish to receive additional brochures and applications by email or post mail. Thank you for your assistance.

With best regards, Alison Gardy

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