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**Midlands Community Foundation Names Project Harmony
Its 2010 Reflection Ball Proceeds Recipient**

Papillion, Neb., May 3, 2010 – Midlands Community Foundation is pleased to announce that proceeds from the organization’s 2010 Reflection Ball on Nov. 6 will benefit Project Harmony, a nonprofit agency whose mission is to protect and support children, collaborate with professionals and engage the community to end child abuse and neglect.

Midlands Community Foundation’s annual Reflection Ball plays an integral part in accomplishing the foundation’s mission of enhancing the quality of life for Sarpy and Cass county residents. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded gifts totaling millions of dollars to many worthy non-profit organizations, creating a lasting impact on the communities it serves. “For nearly 30 years, the Reflection Ball has had a proud history of supporting charitable programs that make a difference in Sarpy and Cass counties and we are looking forward to hosting this year’s Ball for Project Harmony,” said Tonee Gay, Midlands Community Foundation’s executive director.

Project Harmony responds to the abuse of children, one child at a time. The organization’s collaborative, child-focused approach ensures that children are not further victimized by the systems intended to protect them. Professionals from Project Harmony, Child Protective Services, law enforcement and the medical community come together at one place so that a child has to tell of his or her abuse only one time. All interviews and medical exams are done in a child-friendly, non-threatening environment designed for kids. In 2009, Project Harmony served nearly 500 children from Sarpy and Cass counties. In addition, the organization trained more than 600 Sarpy and Cass county professionals, including teachers, school counselors, therapists, Child Protection Services, law enforcement and attorneys. Midlands Community Foundation is dedicated to the enrichment and growth of this program in our community.

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The mission of Midlands Community Foundation is to benefit the diverse needs of the Sarpy and Cass county communities by providing financial support, involvement and service. The Foundation has placed an emphasis on prevention and education with a strong commitment toward programs benefiting health, art, culture, community, economic development, education and human services.

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