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STEPUP MINISTRY NAMES EIGHT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

RALEIGH, June 17, 2008 – StepUP Ministry, a local non-profit dedicated to empowering individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, announced today the appointment of Sheldon Fox, Jennings Glenn, Doyle Parrish, Al Rankin, Kemp Reece, Mary Sibrack, Katherine Thomas and Bob Wright to its Board of Directors. They will join twelve other directors who serve under the leadership of board chair Jim Hodge.

StepUP Ministry is a non-profit interfaith organization that provides individuals and families in Wake County with a second chance in life through job- and life-skills development. StepUP's Jubilee Jobs and Life Skills programs touched 500 participants in 2007, backed by 130 employers and 280 volunteers.

“We are honored to welcome these influential and highly respected members of the Raleigh community to StepUP's Board of Directors,” StepUP Ministry Executive Director Jennie Armstrong said. “We are grateful these leaders have chosen to devote their time and energy to StepUP Ministry.”

Fox is a partner and investment manager with KDI Capital Partners and a volunteer mentor for StepUP. Glenn is director of finance with Kane Realty Corporation.

Parrish is president of Summit Hospitality Group, LTD. Rankin is a retired corporate public relations executive.

Reece is first vice president with Davenport & Company, LLC. Sibrack is a clinical psychologist and a volunteer mentor for StepUP.

Thomas is the director of economic development for Progress Energy. Wright is a retired executive with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., where he most recently served as chairman of its board of directors.

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Raleigh-based StepUP Ministry, founded in 1988, is an interfaith community that prepares people who are ready and willing to make positive changes in their lives to become self-sufficient. This goal is accomplished through a year-long, phased program leading to safe, affordable housing and stable, life-sustaining employment. Components of StepUP include the Jubilee Jobs employment initiative and the Life Skills program, which addresses issues such as financial literacy, physical and mental health and positive relationships. For more information, visit www.step-up.us or call 919.781.0156.