



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Laura Telander Graf
ltgcommunications@comcast.net
651.698.4006

SUMMIT ACADEMY OIC ADDS TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

*Executives from Target Corporation and UnitedHealthcare
to Serve Minneapolis Nonprofit*

MINNEAPOLIS (October 30, 2009) Summit Academy OIC, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit educational and vocational center that teaches individuals from economically depressed neighborhoods in the Twin Cities to become educated, employed, contributing members of the community, announced the appointment of two individuals to its board of directors.

Robert Lund of Target Corporation and Elisa Johnson of UnitedHealthcare will serve on the board of directors, which is made up of business and philanthropic community leaders.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Robert and Elisa to our board of directors because they bring a wealth of experience and expertise that will prove invaluable as we move forward with our mission of teaching individuals to succeed now and into the future," said Louis King, CEO of Summit Academy OIC. "Summit Academy OIC was founded on the belief that the best social-service program is a living-wage job and we are proud to have the support of two new community leaders who embrace our mission and vision."

Lund, currently a senior group manager, pre-construction services at Target Corporation, brings more than 25 years of experience in design, construction, management, development and business.

"I am honored to be working with Summit Academy OIC, a truly amazing organization that provides its students with a skill that makes them employable the minute they graduate," Lund said. "I look forward to assisting the leadership team and the board of directors in their goal of empowering economically disadvantaged Minnesotan's to find jobs. It has a direct impact on the life of the individual and the health of our community."

Johnson, currently a Human Capital Director for UnitedHealthcare, offers more than 13 years of human resources experience in the area of organizational effectiveness, labor relations and international human resource management with various manufacturing and retail companies.

"I am very excited to be working with Summit Academy OIC because not only do they teach their students a marketable skill but they also provide career counseling, life management and job readiness skills, and job placement services," Johnson said. "By offering this well-rounded education, students have the resources they need to find employment now and into the future."

About Summit Academy OIC

Summit Academy OIC (SAOIC) is a nonprofit educational and vocational training center that empowers adults residing in the most economically depressed neighborhoods in the Twin Cities to become educated, employed, contributing members of the community. Focused on high-demand, high-growth industries, Summit's results-oriented programs effect long-term change. Summit graduates are skilled and motivated workers who can stop drawing public assistance and start caring for their families, paying taxes and helping to stabilize and vitalize their communities. For more information, visit www.saoic.org.

###