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Building Bright Futures and Avenue Scholars Foundation Annual Community Meeting October 18, 2010

(Omaha, Neb., Oct. 15, 2010) Building Bright Futures (BBF) and Avenue Scholars Foundation (formerly Bright Futures Foundation) invite the public to attend a community presentation **Monday, Oct. 18, at Qwest Center Omaha. The event begins with a reception from 4 to 5 p.m. followed by a program from 5 to 6 p.m.** The reception features showcases of BBF program resources that are available to the community and performances by the Westside High School Jazz Band. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event to learn about the progress that both organizations are making within the Douglas and Sarpy County area.

During the program, BBF Board Chairman, Richard "Dick" Holland, and BBF President, Mike Yanney, will share their thoughts about the two organizations and the continued need for community support. U.S. Senator, E. Benjamin Nelson, and Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner, Roger Breed, will also share remarks.

"The purpose of this meeting is to inform the community about the strides being made in efforts to make a difference in the lives of our youth," said BBF Executive Director, John J. Cavanaugh. "Together, with BBF partner schools and organizations, we are creating a Pipeline to Success that is improving the lives and academic success of students in Douglas and Sarpy County."

BBF continues to collaborate with existing programs and coordinate community resources to produce a concentrated effort designed to significantly change student outcomes.

"The October 18th annual Community Event provides an opportunity for attendees to better understand the remarkable growth and work across the community of the Avenue Scholars Foundation with our partner schools, both inside and outside the classroom," said Dr. Ken Bird, President and CEO, Avenue Scholars Foundation.

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The Avenue Scholars Foundation is dedicated to helping Omaha area students who have talent, need and resiliency, achieve success in high school, transition into a post-secondary experience and then on into the workforce.

Building Bright Futures is a 501©(3) organization created in 2006 by a group of business, civic and political leaders who came together to assess the status of the youth in Douglas and Sarpy County. The BBF mission is to improve academic performance, raise graduation rates, increase civic and community responsibility and ensure that all students are prepared for post-secondary education by developing partnerships with existing providers and creating new evidence-based programs to develop a comprehensive, community-based network of services.

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