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NATIONAL URBAN FELLOWS, INC. NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

***Paula L. Gavin, Former CEO of
New York City Center For Charter School Excellence
To Assume Post In June***

New York, NY (May 14, 2007) -- The Board of Directors of National Urban Fellows, Inc. (NUF) announced today that Paula L. Gavin, has been named the new President of the nation's premier leadership development organization. Paula Gavin will assume her new position effective June 1, 2007, allowing for a brief transition period through September 1, 2007.

In her new capacity Ms. Gavin will be responsible for the overall vision, leadership and management of the organization, while building upon the accomplishments of her predecessor, Luis Alvarez, who has announced his retirement after more than 25 years of service.

Mary Wong Lee, Chairman of the National Urban Fellows, Inc., Board of Directors stated recently, "Paula is an experienced and highly qualified management executive with superior programming and fundraising capabilities. Her record of leadership and achievement in setting organizations on a solid path toward achieving sustainable growth, make her ideal for this position. We look forward to having Paula's proven leadership, and I am confident that she will lead, manage and inspire NUF, Inc. to attain its next level of excellence and success."

Paula Gavin comes to NUF, Inc. with a unique combination of business and non-profit experience and following more than 15 years of leadership in the non-profit sector.

Paula Gavin served as the CEO for the New York City Center for Charter School Excellence, a nonprofit organization that promotes the development of charter schools. Under her watch she was responsible for the successful launch of the nonprofit organization in 2004, increasing the number of new charter schools, while supporting 58 existing schools. Gavin was also responsible for the management of academic and operational excellence initiatives; the development of good governance and

fundraising principles and practices, and effective advocacy and positive positioning of the NYC Center for Charter School Excellence.

As President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater New York from 1990-2004, she directed the city's largest youth-serving nonprofit agency and the nation's largest YMCA, raising more than \$150 million in revenues. During her tenure annual fundraising grew five-fold from 1990 -2004, raising over \$150 million in private and public grants. In her capacity she focused the YMCA's mission on education, recreation and health programs with an emphasis on youth. In 1997, Paula was also recognized for initiating the *Virtual Y*, a model after-school program in 100 public elementary schools, and wide-ranging teen programs throughout the city.

Prior to her position with the YMCA, Gavin held multiple executive positions with AT&T before being named Vice President of Network Operations where she supervised business planning, finance, and personnel and training for AT&T's operational unit of 60,000.

National Urban Fellows, Inc. develops women and men of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds for accomplished leadership. Combining graduate academic education and mentorship experience, the National Urban Fellows program prepares men and women in government, non-profit and private sector businesses to sustain and enhance urban communities. For more information visit www.nuf.org

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