



NeighborWorks® Lincoln Names New Executive Director

LINCOLN, NE, Feb. 10, 2010 - NeighborWorks® Lincoln is pleased to announce that Michael Renken has joined the organization as Executive Director.

Renken has more than 35 years of experience in the banking industry and more than 12 years experience working with non-profit housing agencies. He began his career in banking with First National Lincoln in the 1970s and was the President/CEO of First State Bank of Enders in Enders, NE, from 1984-1991.

Renken served as President/CEO of BankFirst in Norfolk, NE, from 1991-2006 and most recently was President/CEO of York State Bank and Trust Co. in York, NE. During his tenure as a bank president he managed the construction of three full-service branches, including developing the building plans and overseeing the construction process.

Prior to joining NeighborWorks® Lincoln, Renken served as Board President of NeighborWorks® Northeast Nebraska. He currently serves as treasurer for the Nebraska Housing Developers Association. During his more than nine years of service with NeighborWorks® Northeast Nebraska, he was actively involved with Executive Director Roger Nadrchal in obtaining membership as a NeighborWorks® America affiliate. This successful effort resulted in the organization being accepted as a member on its first try and generated more than \$200,000 in additional funding for the program over the next two years. NeighborWorks® Northeast Nebraska has helped more than 360 families with housing and has provided more than \$3,000,000 in down payment assistance.

Renken has served on the board of numerous organizations, including the York County Development Corporation, the York Chamber of Commerce, the Norfolk Public School Foundation, the Northeast Community College Foundation and the Norfolk Area United Way, which awarded him the Spirit of Volunteerism award in 2007. Renken also served on the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce, the Imperial Chamber of Commerce, the Chase County Economic Development Corporation and the Lincoln Jaycees, among many others.

NeighborWorks®Lincoln is a resident-led 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to keeping Lincoln a safe and prosperous community by revitalizing neighborhoods and promoting homeownership. NeighborWorks® Lincoln was among the first organizations in the nation to establish a homebuilding program for high school students, the first nonprofit organization in Nebraska to offer homebuyer education and the first Nebraska organization to become a member of the national NeighborWorks® Network.

NeighborWorks® Lincoln was established in Lincoln in 1986 and focuses its work on a few targeted inner city neighborhoods. NeighborWorks® America has been an active partner with NeighborWorks® Lincoln from the beginning, providing access to financial resources; tools; training opportunities; and the experience of hundreds of colleagues around the country. In 2005, the organization - then known as Neighborhoods, Inc. - became one of the original eight national NeighborWorks® affiliates approved to change its public name to fully reflect the NeighborWorks® brand. On June 9, 2005, the organization began doing business as NeighborWorks® Lincoln.