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## **Foundation Announces a New Haile Fellow Joining the Greater Cincinnati Foundation July 3**

**CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 6, 2009** – The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (“GCF”), The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation and the University of Cincinnati are pleased to announce LaToya Moore has been selected to participate in the Haile Fellowship program at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. This two-year internship, designed to grow the non-profit sector in the region, is the result of a unique partnership among these three organizations. LaToya succeeds Steve Bentley, the first Haile Fellow, who completed his two-year fellowship and joined the Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation June 30.

The primary emphasis of the Haile Fellowship is to provide hands-on experience at GCF as a member of its grantmaking staff in arts and culture, community development, education, or human services, paralleling the Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation’s priority giving areas. To further develop Fellows as emerging professionals in the philanthropic, nonprofit and public sectors, the program includes a stint with a nonprofit agency as well as specialized professional development opportunities. The program also encourages the design of a special project that advances knowledge of a specific topic or community initiative.

LaToya graduated this spring from UC’s College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning with a Master’s Degree in Community Planning and Economic Development. She left a promising career with Procter and Gamble after deciding to pursue her master’s degree and a career in the nonprofit sector. Recently, she was chosen to participate in the 2010 class of the Center for Progressive Leadership. LaToya is a native Cincinnati and a graduate of Walnut Hills High School.

“I am confident that this fellowship will not only allow me to build upon my skill set, but will also allow me to be among the leaders of change in the community,” she says. “It is an opportunity not many other positions offer.”

Mahyar Arefi, UC associate professor of planning, guided LaToya in the completion of her thesis work related to her master’s degree. He says, “I worked with LaToya over a two-year period while she pursued her UC master’s degree in planning and conducted research related to anti-poverty organizations in the 52 neighborhoods in Greater Cincinnati. I have rarely seen any student display the same level of analytical rigor and sophistication in completing a research thesis project. She has a great deal of talent and intelligence. We definitely need more people like her working on behalf of the city and the region.”

Ellen M. Gilligan, Vice President for Community Investment at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, adds, “We are honored to be part of this unique partnership and to contribute our experience and expertise to this important effort. GCF is very pleased

with the caliber of talented, ambitious and innovative people seeking roles in the nonprofit sector. The applicants from UC were all highly qualified, making the Fellowship selection a difficult task. We know LaToya will be terrific in this role and will be a tremendous asset to our community.”

“The University of Cincinnati is proud to have one of our recent graduates, LaToya Moore, selected as the next Haile Fellow at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation,” says Monica Rimai, UC’s Interim President. “This unique program, which is intended to encourage and develop young professionals considering a career in the philanthropic sector, is indicative of the kind of creative thinking coming from the Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation. We are grateful that the Foundation has chosen UC to be its ongoing partner in advancing our graduates through this program.”

Steve Bentley has enjoyed his two years as a Haile Fellow and appreciates what he has learned. As he moves on to join the Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation, he offers this insight about the program: “The opportunities are endless. The Fellowship is designed to be what you make of it as you work closely with some of the region’s most influential change agents. The balance of experiences in grantmaking, strategic community initiatives, and nonprofit placements offers an unparalleled perspective on how philanthropy can change a community.”

“We are thrilled to be able to support this important initiative,” says Eric Avner, Community Development Program Manager for the Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation and Steve’s new boss. “As our world changes, we are all looking for fresh perspectives and new ideas. We believe the Haile Fellowship gives emerging leaders like Steve and LaToya an opportunity to help shape the community’s dialogue.”

#### **The Greater Cincinnati Foundation**

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#### **The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation**

The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation is a private family foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. The Foundation concentrates its efforts and resources in areas about which Carol and Ralph were most passionate: Arts and Culture, Community Development, Education, and Human Services. The Foundation also honors the Hailes’ high regard for and long history with U.S. Bank through its U. S. Bank Legacy Initiatives. All of its work is intended to have the greatest impact possible as the Foundation, in collaboration with the region’s stakeholders, helps lead the way to a strong and vibrant community. More information can be found at [www.haileusb.org](http://www.haileusb.org).