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REAL ESTATE LEADERS GATHER TO BENEFIT ATLANTA NONPROFIT MOVING IN THE SPIRIT

ATLANTA, Georgia – May 18, 2011—On Thursday, May 12, Larry and Gayle Cummings hosted a Real Estate Leadership Breakfast at their home in Buckhead. Attendees included executives from EBS Property Investments, Taylor & Mathis, Colliers Spectrum Cauble, Regent Partners and Harry Norman Realtors.

The breakfast was held to generate support for Moving in the Spirit’s Men in Motion program for boys. Moving in the Spirit is a nationally recognized youth development organization that uses the art of dance to help young people in Atlanta, GA become successful, compassionate leaders in their communities. The Men in Motion program targets boys ages 8-13, many from Atlanta’s most underserved neighborhoods, teaching them leadership skills and helping them reach their full potential.

Ralph Edwards, Principal at EBS Property Investments and host of last year’s Breakfast, spoke to guests about his deep commitment to Men in Motion. Citing his responsibility as a forerunner of the Atlanta business community, Mr. Edwards stated, “I am passionate and concerned about this very special program because it directly addresses the cultivation of our city’s future leaders. At an early stage, this program sets vulnerable young men on a path to success.”

One such young man is Moving in the Spirit alumnus and Men in Motion founder, Christopher McCord. Speaking after Mr. Edwards, Mr. McCord shared the story of his transformation through the organization, calling it his “lifeline.” As a teenager, he lived in a single-parent home in a struggling neighborhood, challenged every day by anger management issues and a learning disability. At Moving in the Spirit, Mr. McCord found a safe outlet for his energy, learned positive ways to express himself, and realized he was smart enough to succeed both in school and in life. Mr. McCord finished high school, graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Business, and served as a police officer in DeKalb County. Six years ago, he founded the Men in Motion program at Moving in the Spirit, providing the next generation of boys with male role models, support, and the same opportunities that had such an impact on his own life.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. McCord then invited guests to join Men in Motion’s Founding Fathers, a circle of men who each invest \$1,000 annually to help boys along the path to manhood. A \$1,000 pledge provides a young man with a full year of dance and leadership training, performance opportunities, and a supportive male mentor. Originating with Atlanta’s leaders, Founding Fathers is an expanding network of men connected by their commitment to the next generation. The popular initiative has attracted several “Founding Mothers” as well.

Real estate leaders left the breakfast inspired about this opportunity to invest in Atlanta’s future. More information about Moving in the Spirit’s life-changing Men in Motion program can be found at www.movinginthespirit.org.

Founded by Dana Lupton and Leah Mann in 1986, Moving in the Spirit is a nationally recognized youth development program that integrates high quality dance instruction with performance, leadership and mentor opportunities for young people in Atlanta’s urban communities. Moving in the Spirit educates, inspires and unites young people through dance, in order to help them become compassionate leaders.

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Attached Photos:

DSC_0357.JPG (from left to right) Scott Schewe, Director, Patriot Capital; Ralph Edwards, Principle, EBS Property Investments; Colie Neidlinger, Moving in the Spirit Board of Directors; and David Brooks, Principle, EBS Property Investments

DSC_0359.JPG (from left to right) Randi Williams, FIG Partners and Men in Motion Founding Mother; Syd Williams, SRA Real Estate Appraiser and Men in Motion Founding Father; Margie Stockton, President, Stockton Cousins Group, *Harry Norman, Realtors* and Men in Motion Founding Mother; Dan Parmer, CEO, Harry Norman, Realtors

DCS_0361.JPG (from left to right) Michael Rogers, President, Dorsey Alston, Chris McCord, Founder of Moving in the Spirit's Men in Motion program, James Stewart, Men in Motion Founding Father, Chris Cummings, Vice President, Colliers Spectrum Cauble

DSC_0363.JPG (from left to right) Dana Lupton, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Moving in the Spirit; Bob Lupton, President, FCS Urban Ministries; David Allman, Founder & Chairman, Regent Partners and Men in Motion Founding Father; Jimmy Fluker, Executive Vice President, Taylor & Mathis