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### **Mayor Mallory Announces Membership Drive for His Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet**

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory is calling young professionals throughout the region to apply for his Young Professionals Kitchen Cabinet (YPKC). The online application is available at [www.mayormallory.com/ypkc](http://www.mayormallory.com/ypkc), and applications will be accepted through December 1, 2008.

“The YPKC is an integral part of my vision for the future of Cincinnati,” Mayor Mark Mallory said. “In order to grow our region, we must be an attractive city for young workers to start their career and build their futures. The YPKC is an energetic and committed group of Cincinnati ambassadors to other young professionals across the country.”

The YPKC has over 100 members on 10 committees. Next year, the committees will be Arts and Entertainment, Economic Development, Education, Health and Environment, Housing, Neighborhood Enhancement, Parents and Young Families, Public Safety and Transportation. Members serve 11-month, renewable terms beginning in January.

In 2008, the YPKC created and partnered on over a dozen successful policies and initiatives, including the Mayor’s Award for Educational Excellence, a partnership with public and private entities on a two-day Building Valued Neighborhoods Conference, and a collaboration with Lighthouse Youth Services to recruit more young single fathers into their REAL Dads program. A complete list of 2008 initiatives is available on the website.

In addition to those initiatives, members of the YPKC served as a panelist organization for the 2008 International Young Professionals Summit, were interviewed by Germany’s Bavarian Broadcasting Company, and helped bring VH1’s Allison Becker to Cincinnati in September to film *Top 20 Video Countdown*, which was seen in millions of homes around the world.

“We are looking for new members from a broad spectrum of professions,” says Clara Rice, YPKC President. “Different backgrounds mean different, often creative ways of examining issues and approaching solutions. That diversity of experience is what we want for the YPKC.”

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