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## New Non-profit Agencies Join Community Shares

**Columbus, OH** – Seven community based non-profits will have another fundraising option through the benefits of workplace fundraising as members of Community Shares of Mid Ohio (CoSMO). The addition of these seven members brings CoSMO's total to 57 local non-profits serving the Central Ohio area. Community Shares' member agencies are community-based, volunteer-led charities preventing family, school, and neighborhood violence, homelessness, child abuse, hunger, and environmental pollution; protecting human and civil rights; and increasing health, education, safety, and social justice.

“We are thrilled to support even more local nonprofits in central Ohio and to offer donors additional charity choices through paycheck contributions. With the addition of these seven members we have the opportunity to serve more people and neighborhoods. We are all aware that our State and local governments must cut back on services, and we are here to help bridge the gap in community needs,” stated Melissa Magers, Executive Director of Community Shares of Mid Ohio.

ADA-OHIO promotes voluntary compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act through information, technical assistance and training. They serve employers, individuals and organizations. In 2008, ADA-OHIO provided assistance to over 2,000 businesses and organizations and to over 3,000 individuals. Their website, [ada-ohio.org](http://ada-ohio.org), offers online access to questions about the ADA and updated guidance on interpretation by the Courts as to enforcement of the ADA.

“ADA-OHIO joined the Community Shares Federation because our missions fit well. Our boards share obligations of management and means of success in our pursuit of community service. Our mutual support encourages greater understanding of our community needs and services through direct interaction with our fellow community agencies and service providers. This sharing of responsibilities is a tremendous vehicle for our advocacy of civil rights for people with disabilities. This is a wonderful platform for ADA-OHIO and our community service,” said Bernie Pontones, ADA-OHIO Board Chair and CoSMO Board Member.

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Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc. provides culturally specific psychological treatment, social services and prevention programs to prevent, treat and eliminate substance abuse in central Ohio.

The Center for Effective Discipline seeks to reduce physical abuse of children through educating parents and caregivers about positive discipline in cooperation with other non-profits, schools and churches.

The Columbus Historical Society (CHS) preserves and promotes Columbus and Central Ohio history. CHS provides lectures, tours, gallery space, educational materials and events.

Consider Biking promotes all forms of bicycling. They provide educational resources and advocate improving the safety and conditions for cyclists using our roadways. Consider Biking helped to coordinate Bike to Work Week and advocated on several bicyclist-friendly laws including the federal Bicycle Commuter Act and enhancing the Columbus Traffic Code.

Dreams on Horseback provides equine-assisted learning for skill development of youth diagnosed on the autism spectrum, alternative education for at-risk students and education for inner-city children.

Stop the Suffering rescues "death-row" dogs and cats from rural Ohio shelters while providing vetting, spay/neuter, foster-care and arranging adoptions.

"Employees who donate through Community Shares now have a wider and more diverse range of giving options than ever before," said Tom Tootle, Community Shares of Mid Ohio Board President.

Membership is determined based on an agency's work for progressive social change, diversity of issues and the importance of those issues to the community. Members join CoSMO by filling out applications throughout the year with a final deadline of Fall 2009. New agencies are accepted at the annual December board meeting for CoSMO.

With 15 years of success in workplace fundraising and distributions of \$2.5 million to its members, Community Shares of Mid Ohio assists local area non-profits in new options to receive donations. Through workplace fundraising drives done in public and private sector workplaces, employees are given the opportunity to donate directly to the non-profit agencies they care about most through payroll contributions.