



Build with Purpose Marks Ten Years of Developing Real Estate for Social Change at June 6, 2013 Anniversary Event

East Coast Nonprofit Commemorates a Decade of Real Estate Development Impacting the Lives of Thousands in Communities Across the State and Region

(METUCHEN, NJ) On Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 6-9PM at Rutgers Gardens (112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ) Build with Purpose (Build) will commemorate ten years of work transforming forgotten real estate assets into schools, homes, and nonprofit and community spaces.

Since 2003, Build with Purpose has secured financing for and developed a wide variety of nonprofit real estate projects ranging from early care and charter school projects to the rehabilitation of former convents into affordable senior housing. Since its inception, the organization has developed 25 different projects and has leveraged over \$120M of financing to impact the lives of thousands. A portfolio of projects and the organization's impact can be found at: <http://bwpurpose.org/portfolio/>.

The anniversary event to be held on June 6th is the culmination of a "10 for 10" series of community events that began in May 2012. Build will also use the occasion to thank a group of Cornerstone Honorees who were selected based upon their critical contributions to the success of the organization and their passion and commitment to Build with Purpose's mission. The Cornerstone Honorees include: Deborah DeSantis, The Corporation for Supportive Housing; Lori Dibble, the Paradise Park Homeowners Association; Jessani Gordon, NJ Department of Education; Jennifer Langer, Amerigroup; Michael Lubben, Gibbons P.C.; Rick Pressler, NJ Charter Schools Association; Steve Ramiza, LAN Associates; David Scheck, City National Bank; Karen Thomas, Marion P. Thomas Charter School; and Andrew Zezas, Real Estate Strategies Corporation.

In addition to acknowledging the Cornerstone Awardees, the event will also feature guest speaker and noted author Professor Tony Hiss. A staff writer at The New Yorker for more than 30 years, Hiss is currently a Visiting Scholar at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The National Recreation and Park Association's National Literary Award has praised Hiss for a lifetime of "spellbinding and poignant" writing about "how our environments, modes of travel, and other aspects of the American landscape affect our lives."

Sponsorship information and tickets for the event (\$100) can be purchased at (or donations made) at www.bwpurpose.org.

About Build with Purpose

Build with Purpose develops a host of real estate projects including schools, affordable housing projects and nonprofit centers. The organization's work is holistic and goes beyond "bricks and sticks" to build knowledge, greater impact and social change across the communities served. More information about the organization can be found online at: www.bwpurpose.org.