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Project Interfaith Executive Director Selected for Highly Competitive 2011 Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship, Will Attend Program for Social Entrepreneurs at Cambridge University this Month

(Omaha) – Project Interfaith Executive Director Beth Katz has been selected to take part in the highly competitive 2011 Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship Program. This program brings together 23 social entrepreneurs from the US, the UK and France in a joint venture put on by Cambridge University, Cornell University, ESSEC Business School and the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation.

“I believe this fellowship could not have come at a better time for Project Interfaith as the program is designed to help young organizations such as ours identify ways to leverage resources and opportunities to grow sustainably,” Beth Katz said. “They also provide an incredible network of scholars and mentors in the business community who can serve as resources for us as we go forward with implementing our ambitious strategic plan.”

The Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship Program promotes collaboration between social entrepreneurs in an international attempt to promote open dialogue through the application of business skills and knowledge derived from the humanities. Through cross-cultural dialogue, humanities and social entrepreneurship, the Fellowship aims to create a new model for conflict resolution while maintaining sustainability with an overarching goal of enabling change across cultural, religious and geographical boundaries.

In 2010, 23 fellows, mainly Jewish and Muslim, met to discuss dialogue and social entrepreneurship. The group looked at market forces to advance social objectives while reinventing capitalism. Special emphasis was placed on innovation, and fundamental business tactics and ideas were developed to address the needs of social entrepreneurs.

Katz will attend the Fellowship July 15 through 29 at the Judge Business School at Cambridge University in Cambridge, England. The group will reconvene for a four-day intensive training session in January 2012 at ESSEC Business School in Paris, France. Please direct questions concerning this announcement to Project Interfaith.

Founded in 2005, Project Interfaith is a non-profit organization that grows understanding, respect and relationships among people of all faiths, beliefs and cultures. Project Interfaith offers a wide array of programs that bring community members together to share, learn and connect. For more information, visit www.projectinterfaith.org, email info@projectinterfaith.org or call the Project Interfaith office at (402) 933-4647.

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