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BronxWorks Executive Director Carolyn McLaughlin to be Honored by the Bronx Council on the Arts at a 6:00pm Ceremony on Wednesday, June 2nd

(May 21, 2010 -- Bronx, NY) **BronxWorks Executive Director Carolyn McLaughlin**, will be honored by the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) at a 6:00pm ceremony on Wednesday, June 2nd at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College. The celebration will coincide with the evening's Bronx Culture Trolley activities and will include a presentation of the 2010 BRIO Award to 25 Bronx artists.

Ms. McLaughlin is the Executive Director of BronxWorks (formerly the Citizens Advice Bureau) where she has been chief executive officer since 1979.

Carolyn McLaughlin has overseen the progression of BronxWorks from a small organization based in one Bronx neighborhood to a settlement house with programs that serve many neighborhoods in the South Bronx. Under her guidance, BronxWorks has grown tremendously, expanding services to include emerging populations like immigrants, homeless individuals and families, people with HIV/AIDS, youth, working age adults moving from welfare to work, and families at risk of foster care intervention.



Photo courtesy of Ms. McLaughlin

Today, BronxWorks services make a difference in the lives of 35,000 Bronx residents annually, from pre-school children to seniors. It maintains 30 locations spread across Bronx community districts 1 through 7, a 26 square mile area with a population of 500,000. A few programs (e.g., the Minor Repair Program and the Homeless Outreach Team) are borough-wide in scope.

Ms. McLaughlin has advised senior staff on social service policies for every mayoral administration going back to the days of Ed Koch. She is revered by her peers in the settlement house system and by nonprofit executives in New York City. She is considered to be an expert on growth in the nonprofit sector and has advised several city government administrations on concerns related to welfare policies, homeless and homelessness prevention services, and aid to vulnerable populations (i.e., seniors, domestic violence victims, and children).

Ms. McLaughlin received her master's degree in social work from Columbia University in 1973. She currently sits on the boards of the Mid-Bronx Senior Citizens Council and the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee.

Other activities taking place during that evening's Bronx Culture Trolley include exhibitions at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, the Bronx Museum of the Arts, Pregones Theater, BronxArtSpace, and LDR Studio Gallery. Additional activities include an after-party karaoke night at the Bruckner Bar & Grill.

The Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse and 149th Street. It is easily accessible by the #2, #4, and #5 trains. For additional information on BCA's 45th Anniversary Celebration at June 2nd's Bronx Culture Trolley, contact Phil Cardone at 718-931-9500 x33 or phil@bronxarts.org.

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