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Board Chairman's Summary of 2009 Annual Report

The Youth Village Foundation (“Foundation”) continues its quest to provide the necessary resources for the young men of Dallas County Youth Village and Lyle B. Medlock Youth Treatment Center through established programs and that will aid them in succeeding in a challenging world while continuing to build a more solid management infrastructure.

I want to thank the executive director, board of directors, executive team, advisors, volunteers, mentors, and committee chairs for your hard work and services of the foundation. I want to also thank our donors, sponsors, supporters, and funders for believing in the Youth Village Foundation (YVF). Without your involvement, we would not have realized how we have helped change the lives of young men. I am most appreciative of the entire YVF family! I humbly thank the executive team’s mentors, Scott Chase, David Miller, Richard Bernstein, and Lynn Thorby of DSVP for their help in shaping the foundation as it continues to make its presence known in Dallas County.

Over the past year, the foundation continued to grow in management, leadership, development, membership, programs, projects, and understanding of its purpose and how decisions made by the board of directors actually affects the young men and their families directly. I am very well pleased with the accomplishments that has taken place through joint partnerships with the Dallas County Juvenile Department (DCJD), Dallas County Youth Village (DCYV), Lyle B. Medlock Youth Treatment Center (MYTC), Dallas Social Venture Partners (DSVP), and a host of supporters for the foundation and its programs.

Our successes continued by inviting Dallas County Juvenile Court Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon to perform a board “Swearing-In” ceremony where she will challenged officers, volunteers, advisors, and board of directors in the upholding of their duties while serving in their respective capacity. Afterwards, membership certificates along with membership handbooks were presented to board members. The membership committee prepared our first membership handbook that included information about the foundation, membership, policies, and board expectations. The board also joined together and financially contributed as well as sponsored the Holiday Program for the young men of DCYV and MYTC during the Christmas holiday season. The young men at both facilities expressed sincere gratitude. We continue to maintain our membership above the minimum level as outlined in our bylaws and the board of directors continues to meet its annual financial commitment. The membership committee worked in partnership with DCJD to purchase volunteer software to be used county-wide by Dallas County volunteers to be able to