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**Amachi Pittsburgh to Highlight Mentoring Resources  
in the Region with “Hands Across Pittsburgh” Summer Picnic**

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**PITTSBURGH, July 22, 2008** – **Amachi Pittsburgh**, an organization dedicated to helping Allegheny County’s children fulfill their God-given purpose, will highlight the mentoring resources available to at-risk families in the Pittsburgh area at the **“Hands Across Pittsburgh”** summer picnic. The event will be held on **Sunday, August 10, 2008** at the rink at Schenley Park in Oakland from **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and is free and open to the public.

“Across our region, hundreds of families are in need of support and intervention, and Amachi Pittsburgh is one of many organizations that offers mentoring services to those families. Our goal is to identify at-risk young people and provide a framework for them to thrive despite the adversities they may be facing in the home,” said Anna Thorpe, executive director. “This event will enable us to interact with a number of key stakeholders: community members who may need our services, other organizations seeking to assist at-risk youth, and individuals that may want to volunteer their time and talents as mentors.”

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## **Amachi Pittsburgh to Highlight Mentoring Resources in the Region with “Hands Across Pittsburgh” Summer Picnic (cont.)**

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“Hands Across Pittsburgh” will feature a host of activities for the entire family, including:

- A live remote from WAMO-FM
- Entertainment
- Arts and crafts from Color Me Mine
- Picnic foods and treats

In addition, attendees will be asked to include their handprint and a personalized message on a tiled mural to be created at the picnic. It will act as a visible representation of the power of a community when it pools its resources to lend a helping hand.

“Hands Across Pittsburgh” also includes the following participating organizations: the Primary Health Responsibility Fatherhood Initiative, the Boy Scouts of America, the Community College of Allegheny County and the Urban League of Pittsburgh’s Urban Youth Training Program.

### **About Amachi Pittsburgh**

*Who knows what God has brought us through this child?* Since 2003, Amachi Pittsburgh has been dedicated to helping Allegheny County’s children fulfill their God-given purpose. We take our name – and our inspiration – from a Nigerian Ibo word that affirms the potential that exists in each and every child. Through a unique partnership of secular and faith-based organizations, Amachi works to mentor young minds, ensuring that all children are rightfully recognized as children of promise. For more information, visit [www.amachipgh.org](http://www.amachipgh.org).

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