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REPORT CALLS FOR INVESTMENT IN WORKING FAMILIES TO AID GROWTH AND RECOVERY

Omaha, NE: Investments in working families will be a key to economic recovery and growth according to a new report entitled "Building the Good Life" produced by the Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest. The report outlines the need for education, workforce development, and supports for low-income workers and proposes recommendations to build economic opportunity in Nebraska.

WHO:

Presentation of Report by Kate Bolz, Community Educator with the Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest

Panel Discussion:

Jon Bailey, Center for Rural Affairs

Kathleen Fimple, Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education

Alfred Pettinger, Lincoln Action Program Career Development Program

WHAT: Report release and panel discussion.

WHERE: University of Nebraska Omaha, College of Public Affairs and Community Service, Collaborating Commons, First Floor (room 132 D)

WHEN: January 29, 2009 at 10:00am

WHY: Nebraska is currently facing several challenges, including the impacts of the current economic downturn and the need to compete in a changing global economy. Education, skills training, and quality job creation strategies are vital to build "The Good Life" for Nebraska's working families now and in the future.

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