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Live Program to Analyze Voices & Choices Meeting Discussions

KENT, Ohio — Nov. 14, 2005 — PBS 45 & 49 presents a live discussion of the Voices & Choices meeting held Nov. 12 with 900 people from throughout northeast Ohio. The regional initiative is dedicated to setting a course for northeast Ohio's future that will produce more jobs and create better economic opportunities for families and business. **Northeast Ohio Times: Voices & Choices** airs on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 10 p.m., with rebroadcasts on Friday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19 at 2 a.m.

Vincent Duffy, program director at WKSU-FM, hosts the program and leads a panel of regional economics experts and media representatives in reviewing the meeting's outcomes. The one-hour special also features live call-in segments for viewers to phone in questions or comments about regional growth.

Participating on the panel are: Brad Whitehead, program director at the Cleveland Foundation; David Abbott, executive director of The George Gund Foundation; Shara Davis, project director for Voices and Choices; and Marquez Brown, outreach coordinator for Voices and Choices.

Joining Duffy as media representatives are Ed Esposito from WAKR/WONE/WQMX in Akron; Cynthia Barnes from WKBN/27 First News in Youngstown; and Diana Keough from the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The town hall meeting, which was held at The University of Akron, was organized by Voices and Choices, an 18-month initiative designed to give citizens a voice in improving the region. Results of the initiative will lead to a regional action plan to be unveiled during the summer of 2006.

Voices & Choices is a project of the Fund for Our Economic Future, which is an unprecedented coalition of nearly 70 philanthropic organizations dedicated to transforming the economy of the region. The project is directed by the nonprofit organization AmericaSpeaks, in partnership with the Universities Collaborative, a consortium of Northeast Ohio universities.

About *Northeast Ohio Times*

Northeast Ohio Times is a new PBS 45 & 49 production that features local topics of interest. The quarterly series highlights the incomparable people, places and changes that make life in Northeast Ohio special.

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