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National Philanthropic Trust Brings an Influx of Talent and Experience to its Board of Directors

JENKINTOWN, Pa. –June 9, 2009 – National Philanthropic Trust (NPT), one of the nation’s 100 fastest growing charities and 35 top grant makers, today announced the appointment of Joseph Kluger, Cecilia Mendez Hodes and Wayne R. Walker to its Board of Trustees. “Our new trustees will expand NPT’s breadth of knowledge and experience,” said President & CEO Eileen R. Heisman. “We welcome their wisdom and perspective, and look forward to their support of NPT. As one of the strongest and most sophisticated donor advised fund providers, our board has been key to our growth and good work.”

Our new members will include:

Joseph Kluger has 30 years of experience as an executive and consultant for leading museums, theaters, performing arts centers, educational institutions, opera companies, and symphony orchestras. Prior to his consulting career, Mr. Kluger worked in symphony orchestra management, most recently as President of The Philadelphia Orchestra Association (1989-2005), where he helped develop the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and raised over \$130 million for endowment. Mr. Kluger currently serves on the Board of Overseers of the Curtis Institute of Music, the Marian Anderson Award, and the Sunderman Conservatory at Gettysburg College, and is Chair of Philadelphia Mayor Nutter’s Culture Advisory Council. He began his professional career at the New York Philharmonic, following receipt of a M.A. in Arts Administration from N.Y.U. and a B.A. in Music from Trinity College in Hartford. He has also participated in the Senior Executive Leadership Program of NTL Institute, the Wharton Fellows Master Class on Merger, Acquisition & Renewal, and the Executive Coaching Workshop at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Cecilia Mendez Hodes is an attorney with more than twenty years of nonprofit volunteer experience, serving in numerous leadership roles with institutions in her community. She currently serves as a trustee and a vice president of the board of The Episcopal School in the City of New York, an independent school that is a leader in the field of early childhood education. Before she retired to raise a family, Ms. Mendez Hodes' experience included practicing corporate law in New York City at the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher and, later, as Counsel, USA Area, for The Royal Bank of Canada. Ms. Mendez Hodes graduated with General Honors and Departmental Honors in English from Vassar College, where she was a Matthew Vassar Scholar and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She has a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Since 1993 she has served continuously as a member of the board of trustees or governor, and chairman of the nominating and other committees, of nonprofit entities in New York City.

Wayne R. Walker is the Principal of Walker Nell Consultants, Inc. (WNC), a business consulting firm. Mr. Walker focuses on responsible executive and operational officer roles, liquidations, trustee services, examiner and receiver roles, interim operational assignments, environmental trustee roles and wind-downs. Prior to founding WNC, Mr. Walker was a Principal at two separate consulting firms. He has also served as Senior Counsel at the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware for many years. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee on the Board of Directors of People for People, Inc., a multi-million dollar community non-profit and on the Board of Directors of People for People, Inc.'s Community Federal Credit Union. He previously served three of his eight-year tenure as chairman of the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity International. Mr. Walker earned his J.D. from Catholic University and a Bachelor of Arts from Loyola University. Mr. Walker is an attorney licensed by the State Bar of Georgia and is principal of Wayne Walker Law Offices, PC.

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National Philanthropic Trust (NPT) is a public charity dedicated to providing philanthropic expertise to donors, foundations, and financial institutions, enabling them to realize their philanthropic aspirations. Founded in 1996, NPT is among the 100 fastest growing charities and one of the top 35 grant makers in the United States with \$660 million in assets under management. Since its inception, NPT has raised over \$1.7 billion in charitable assets, and made over 37,000 grants to U. S. and international charities totaling \$1 billion. NPT is led by a national board of trustees and a team of professionals with more than 200 combined years of philanthropic experience. For more information, visit www.nptrust.org.