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**Center for People in Need Celebrates New Job Training and Conference
Center with Open House, Ribbon Cutting**
U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson Slated to Speak

LINCOLN, Neb. (Jan. 12, 2010) – The new Job Training and Conference Center at the Center for People in Need will allow the non-profit agency to provide even more services to more people.

The Job Training and Conference Center's open house is from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Center, 3901 N. 27th St., Door 3. At 2 p.m., CFPIN Board President Mary Pipher will speak and introduce U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson, who will also speak about the new facility. Nelson was instrumental in getting significant funding for the project.

Others scheduled to speak include CFPIN Executive Director Beatty Brasch, State Sen. Danielle Conrad, City Council President Doug Emery and County Board Vice Chairman Ray Stevens.

“With the new facility, we will be able to greatly expand our job training program offerings and the number of people able to go through the program,” Brasch said. “The program will help our welfare-to-work volunteers as well as refugees new to our country learn what they need to find a job and support their families.”

Already, 80 people daily are using the Conference Center facilities for job training programs including computer and typing training in the 24-seat computer lab, and General Equivalency Degree and English as a Second Language classes. Job training programs available for welfare-to-work clients include forklift operator and warehouse materials management, janitorial services, retail, office work, and food handler and server training using the new commercial kitchen.

In addition to using the Conference Center as a training facility, since its completion in October the area has already been used for staging special events including Giving Thanks Giving Food distribution and the Toyland for Kids toy distribution, allowing CFPIN to serve a record number of people. The Conference Center is available for rent to non-profits, groups and the public for meetings and events, with all proceeds going back into CFPIN programs.

The Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27th St., Unit 1, provides comprehensive services and opportunities to support low-income, high needs families and individuals as they strive to lift themselves out of poverty and achieve economic self-sufficiency. More information on the Center's programs is available at centerforpeopleinneed.org.

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