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**LINDQUIST APARTMENTS OPENS, PROVIDING TWIN CITIES
HOMELESS YOUTH NEW HOUSING OPTIONS AND 24-HOUR LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT**
Mayor RT Rybak and other local politicians will celebrate opening of Lindquist Apartments September 21

MINNEAPOLIS, (September 13, 2005) - Life's Missing Link and RS Eden, two of the Twin Cities most respected non-profits, today announced that Lindquist Apartments, a supportive housing facility for young people, will officially open its doors on September 21 to homeless youth. The new complex will be staffed 24-hours per day by Life's Missing Link to help residents transition to independent living through life skills training, employment assistance and mentoring, among other services.

Lindquist Apartments will provide the following:

- 24 efficiency apartments for single males and females aged 16 and older who are homeless, transitioning from situations such as foster care or in tenuous housing situations;
- On-site programming from Life's Missing Link, including: case management, life skills training, social activities, truancy prevention, employment and referral assistance and mentoring;
- A safe, secure and sober environment.

"Lindquist Apartments fills a much needed gap in the continuum of housing options for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The new facility will not only provide housing, but also 24-hour support to homeless youth through a variety of services," said Deborah Renshaw, executive director of Life's Missing Link. "Our vision is to create a stepping stone to stability and productivity, helping residents learn how to live on their own."

To celebrate the opening of the \$6 million facility, key city, county and state officials, donors, developers, and other notable leaders will host a grand opening ceremony for the community on September 21 at noon.

The ceremony will take place at 1931 West Broadway in North Minneapolis. Tim Marx, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency commissioner and Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County commissioner, will join Mayor RT Rybak and the apartment's co-developers to speak about the great impact this new facility will have on youth in the Twin Cities.

According to the Wilder Research Center, on any given night in 2003, there were 500 to 600 homeless youth in Minnesota who were unaccompanied by adults, with a large portion in the Twin Cities. About one in six had a child of his/her own who also was homeless, 42 percent skipped school and one out of 10 had even traded sex for shelter, food and clothing.

Lindquist Apartments is named in honor of Leonard Lindquist, co-founder of Life's Missing Link and founder of Lindquist and Vennum Law Firm. Leonard's son Kelley, president of Artspace Projects and board member of Life's Missing Link, will also speak at the grand opening.

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Editor's Note: All media, including photographers, are welcome to attend the event, speak with various government and non-profit officials and participate in photo opportunities. To schedule an interview prior to, during or after the grand opening ceremony, please contact Deborah Renshaw of Life's Missing Link at (612) 871-0748.

About Life's Missing Link

Life's Missing Link, Inc. is a non-profit organization started in 1991 by Jim Marshall and Oscar Reed, two former Minnesota Viking football players. The organization is dedicated to helping inner-city youth in Minneapolis realize their full potential, and provides services such as case management, youth advocacy, life skills training, social activities and employment and referral assistance.

About RS Eden

Since 1971, RS Eden has been a leader in delivering effective services to Minnesota and surrounding communities. From early achievements in substance abuse treatment and correctional residential programs, RS Eden has evolved into a multi-faceted agency that facilitates positive change in the areas of chemical dependency, family services, corrections and affordable housing.