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MY BROTHER'S KEEPER HONORS DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY AT ANNUAL AWARD DINNER

Baltimore, MD – March 29, 2010 – My Brother's Keeper, an organization dedicated to serving the basic needs for those in the Irvington community and surrounding areas on the fringe economically or in need of contact with people who care, is pleased to announce the honoring of the Daughters of Charity at their 5th Annual J.P. Blase Cooke Award Dinner on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

The Daughters of Charity, an organization that has provided spiritual and physical comfort to persons who are poor, has been involved with My Brother's Keeper for many years. There are many Sisters who have served as directors of My Brother's Keeper, providing it with the opportunity to expand its services to include social work to help break the cycle of poverty and isolation among the needy in the Irvington community.

"It is altogether fitting and appropriate for us to recognize the Daughters of Charity for its role in giving hope a home in our community," states Father Mike Murphy, Chair of the Board of Directors for My Brother's Keeper. "They have cultivated the vision of J.P. Cooke and helped form My Brother's Keeper into the organization that it is today."

J.P. Blase Cooke, a philanthropist born and raised in the Irvington community, provided great influence on My Brother's Keeper. As CEO and owner of Harkins Builders, Inc., Cooke steered commissions, directed panels, and piloted elected officials and advocacy groups toward strong partnerships. The current facility for My Brother's Keeper, the J.P. Blase Cooke Center, gives those less fortunate a free meal, access to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, parenting classes, job-readiness programs and after school programs.

The dinner will occur April 14, 2010 at Martin's West and will include a speech by Daniel Ruettinger, the man whose life inspired the movie "Rudy." Tickets are available for \$150/person or \$1500/table. Please contact Leo Goicochea at 410-644-3194 by April 7th for more information or to purchase tickets.

About My Brother's Keeper (www.mybrotherskeeperbaltimore.org) – Since the 1980s, My Brother's Keeper has served basic needs for those in the Irvington community and surrounding areas on the fringe economically or in need of contact with people who care. The organization is dedicated to transforming the Irvington community and empowering its residents by providing quality social services that give them the tools to build on their own strengths.

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