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**MacKenzie's Tony Gross Joins the Board of Directors of Civic Works**

MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate Services, LLC is pleased to announce the recent acceptance of Antony ("Tony") Gross to the Board of Directors of Civic Works. A subsidiary of AmeriCorps, Civic Works is Baltimore's leading urban service corps. Their mission, "to build a future for Baltimore's youth through community service and skills development," is achieved through a variety of education, community revitalization, and workforce development initiatives. Founded in 1993, Civic Works collaborates with well known programs such as Teach Baltimore, Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity, Project Light Bulb, and the Downtown Partnership, in addition to other mentoring and neighborhood programs, to encourage Baltimore's youth to take pride and responsibility in their community.

Since its inception, Civic Works has trained and assisted more than 2,500 Baltimore area participants in performing community service projects, developing job readiness and life skills, and finding employment. Every year, approximately 200 AmeriCorps members serve on one of Civic Works' teams tutoring and mentoring children, building community parks and gardens, and rehabilitating abandoned houses for low-income residents. In return for one year or a summer of service, members receive a modest living allowance, an education award that can be used for college or vocational school, and valuable life skills and contacts. Civic Works also trains and assists Baltimore residents find employment through their Health Care Careers Alliance partnership with five Baltimore hospitals and their B'more Green environmental technician training and certification program.

As a member of the board, Tony will work on behalf of the organization to strengthen existing relationships within the community and foster opportunities for individual growth and development among the group's youth members. Tony will also seek to promote Civic Works' objectives through fundraising and outreach among Downtown businesses.

"We are excited to have Tony join the organization. His vast experience and involvement within the community further enhance our ability to execute our mission," said Marc G. Bunting, Chairman of Civic Works.

Nominated by the existing members of the Board, Tony will serve a three year term effective April 2009. Tony, a Baltimore native, looks forward to working in the community, and encouraging families and local businesses to help make a difference in Baltimore's landscape.

For more information about Civic Works, please visit [www.civicworks.com](http://www.civicworks.com). For more information about MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate Services or to contact Tony Gross, please visit [www.mackenziecommercial.com](http://www.mackenziecommercial.com) or contact him directly at [agross@mackenziecommercial.com](mailto:agross@mackenziecommercial.com).

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