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**JEVS HUMAN SERVICES NAMES LINDA MCALEER
AS CHAIR OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Philadelphia (September 24, 2008) -- Linda McAleer, president and founder of The Melior Group (www.meliorgroup.com), was recently named chair of the Board of Trustees of JEVS Human Services (www.jevshumanservices.org). JEVS, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization, works within the Philadelphia community to enhance the employability and self-sufficiency of the individuals it serves through a broad range of support programs.

McAleer assumed the role earlier this summer, and will serve as chairperson until 2011. She has been actively involved with JEVS for seven years, serving as chairperson of JEVS' Fund Development Committee and co-chair of the successful JEVS Human Services Capital Campaign for Orleans Technical Institute. McAleer will be the first female board chair in JEVS' 67-year history.

"JEVS is the gold standard to which other human services organizations should best measure themselves," says McAleer, who founded The Melior Group, a marketing research and consulting firm in Philadelphia, 26 years ago. "Its services to those needing support and motivation are second-to-none; and showcasing our services and philosophy more broadly and deeply is my mission and that of our board."

McAleer currently serves on the National Board of Trustees of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, as well as on the local chapter board; she also has been the board chair of the Maternity Care Coalition, WOMEN'S WAY, and the Forum of Executive Women. McAleer recently received the WOMEN'S WAY 2008 Leadership Award.

In 2003, McAleer was named one of the 50 Best Women in Business in Pennsylvania, and one of 2000's Women of Distinction in Philadelphia. She is a member of the Temple University Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame, and received her B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Temple University.

Founded in 1941 by 25 Jewish concerned citizens, Jewish Employment and Vocational Service was established to help Jewish refugees adjust to life in Philadelphia. Today, JEVS Human Services is one of the largest, private nonprofit organizations in the Delaware Valley. JEVS brings hope to nearly 16,000 individuals each year, focusing on individuals with physical, developmental, and emotional challenges, as well as those facing adverse socio-economic conditions, including unemployment and underemployment. JEVS and its support staff of nearly 1,000 employees run more than 20 programs that provide skills development, job readiness and career services, vocational rehabilitation, recovery services, adult and residential day services, and in-home personal assistance.

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