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**Shriver Center Hires New Vice President of External Affairs
*Molly Bartlett Brings Energy and Enthusiasm to State of Poverty Campaign***

(Chicago)—The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, an organization established in 1967 to champion law and policy for low-income people, strengthens the leadership behind its State of Poverty Campaign by hiring Molly Bartlett as its new Vice President of External Affairs. Molly brings more than 30 years of fundraising and communications experience to her new role.

As Vice President of External Affairs, Molly Bartlett will be responsible for organizing the Center's public affairs and fundraising activities. Her chief priority will be the State of Poverty Campaign, a communications, advocacy and fund-raising initiative to strengthen the Shriver Center's national anti-poverty efforts. Bartlett will build on an initial contribution of matching funds from the Chicago Community Trust and an underwriting grant from the Joyce Foundation to reach the Campaign's \$1million fundraising goal.

Molly Bartlett comes to the Shriver Center from the Community Renewal Society, a progressive, faith-based organization that works to eliminate race and class barriers. As Development Director at the Community Renewal Society, Bartlett redesigned the organization's development program to emphasize foundation, institutional and individual donor relations. She enhanced planned giving efforts and instituted donor cultivation events including quarterly Conversations, the Community Renewal Society annual luncheon, and a joint fundraiser for the organization's two newsmagazines. Molly also boosted the organization's profile by attracting individuals with significant name recognition to the Advisory Board.

Prior to her work at the Community Renewal Society, Molly Bartlett served in various positions at a broad range of not-for-profit and public enterprises, including the University of Chicago Divinity School, Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health, Department of Children & Family Services, and the Metropolitan Planning Council.

"Molly Bartlett has dedicated her professional life to enterprises that strive to improve the quality of life for families and individuals and to strengthen communities," said John Bouman, president of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. "In addition to her depth of fundraising and public affairs experience, Molly's deep understanding of the areas in which we work will help the Shriver Center succeed in taking action to end poverty in America."

Molly Bartlett will begin her role as Vice President of External Affairs effective February 4, 2008.

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The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, a national resource, champions law and policy promoting equal opportunity and support for low-income individuals, families, and communities so that they can escape poverty permanently.