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**Fuel Fund of Maryland Announces Hiring of Two Employees**

Towson, Maryland (May 8, 2008) – The Fuel Fund of Maryland is pleased to announce the hiring of two new employees, Patryc Barnes and Guienen Behrle. As the new administrative coordinator, Ms. Barnes will provide support to staff members, to the Board of Directors, and to volunteers. Prior to starting at the Fuel Fund, Ms. Barnes was production coordinator at Fox 45 and the CW Baltimore, two affiliates of Sinclair Broadcast Group. She received a mass communications degree from Towson University.

Ms. Behrle will be the new Marketing and Public Relations Assistant, and will work closely with event committees to coordinate all aspects of special events. She will also be responsible for positioning the Fuel Fund in the media and to the general public. Ms. Behrle also comes from Fox 45 and the CW Baltimore, where she worked as a commercial traffic coordinator. She holds a marketing degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, and also has prior experience in the non-profit sector with Parks & People Foundation.

The Fuel Fund of Maryland, Inc. ([www.fuelfundmaryland.org](http://www.fuelfundmaryland.org)) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1981 to assist low-income families in Central Maryland afford home energy costs year-round. For over 25 years, the Fuel Fund has raised more than \$20 million to help nearly 100,000 Maryland families. The Fuel Fund has been awarded the Seal of Excellence from the Maryland Association of Nonprofits since 1999. The award is given to nonprofit organizations that go above and beyond minimum legal requirements and hold the highest standards of ethics and accountability under the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Standards for Excellence code.

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