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**LEADERSHIP MARYLAND
SELECTS MARY ELLEN VANNI
FOR CLASS OF 2009**

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Mary Ellen Vanni, executive director, Fuel Fund of Maryland, Inc., Towson, and a resident of Baltimore, has been selected for the Leadership Maryland Class of 2009. Founded in 1992, Leadership Maryland is an independent, educational, non-profit organization designed to inform top-level executives, from the public and private sectors, about the critical issues, challenges and opportunities facing the state of Maryland and its regions. Vanni is one of 46 accomplished and talented statewide leaders selected to participate in the eight-month program.

Following a two-day opening retreat in April, participants will attend five two-day, and one one-day intense sessions focusing on issues, such as, economic development, education, health and human services, criminal and juvenile justice, environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity. More than 100 experts representing business, government, education, and the non-profit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

“The participants represent a broad spectrum of highly qualified executives from an extraordinary group of statewide applicants,” according to Nancy Minieri, president of Leadership Maryland. “After participating in a comprehensive range of experiences over the next year, these leaders will serve as important participants in the unified effort to shape Maryland’s future.”

Leadership Maryland is one of 34 state leadership programs nationwide.

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