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The Board of Directors of The Brotherhood/Sister Sol selected as one of five finalists for the *Volunteer Consulting Group inaugural Brooke V. Mahoney Award for Outstanding Board Leadership.*

New York, NY, (March 15, 2010) – On Wednesday, March 10th, 2010 The Board of Directors of The Brotherhood/Sister Sol (BHSS)* was recognized by the Volunteer Consulting Group (VCG) as one of five finalists for the inaugural Brooke V. Mahoney Award for Outstanding Board Leadership.

BHSS was selected out of the thousands of nonprofits throughout New York City. VCG is a nonprofit organization that works regionally and nationally to strengthen the governing and management capability of nonprofit boards of directors. VCG is the creator and sponsor of www.boardnetUSA.org. Its funders include American Express, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Citigroup, the Clark, GE and Hearst Foundations, JPMorgan Chase, Pfizer, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, and Verizon.

BHSS was honored, at the Harvard Club, along with other four finalists for this award: The Fortune Society, Community Voices Heard and COSIA and the winner of the award, Harlem RBI. According to VCG's Board Chair, Jean-Marc Cuvilly and its Executive Director David M. Lagreca, the evening "showcased the critical volunteer experience we know as nonprofit board service." They wrote: "Many [nonprofits] continue to face increased demand with decreased resources. The decisions made in the boardroom, therefore, become even more important in such a difficult climate.... The 300,000 nonprofit board members in our city fulfill a vital function, and VCG is committed to helping them achieve their full potential."

"VCG has been a great partner in the strategic development and operation of our Board. It was a tremendous honor to be recognized by VCG and to be in the company of other boards doing wonderful work. I'm immensely proud of our Board and the commitment they have shown to their duties as Board members."

Paul Butler, Esq., Chairman, Board of Directors

"We are very proud to receive an award that recognizes the deep commitment of our Board of Directors to BHSS, our Board's efficient structures and adept governance and its commitment to proactive strategic planning. This award also recognizes our Board members unique dedication to the work of BHSS represented by the time they commit to supporting our mission."

Khary Lazarre-White, Esq., Executive Director & Co-Founder

*The Brotherhood/Sister Sol provides comprehensive, holistic and long-term support services to youth who range in age from six to twenty-one. BHSS focuses on issues such as leadership development and educational achievement, bias reduction, sexual responsibility, sexism and misogyny, political education and social justice, Pan African and Latino history, and global awareness. BHSS provides four-six year rites of passage programming, thorough five day a week after school care, school and home counseling, summer camps, job training, college preparation, employment opportunities, community organizing training, a community garden stewards and environmental education program, and free legal representation. BHSS exposes its young people to new opportunities through wilderness retreats, cultural performances, college tours, and month long intensive study programs to Africa and Latin America. BHSS publishes assorted curricula and collections of our members' writings and trains educators from throughout the nation on its approach. Founded in 1995, BHSS has earned national recognition for its model, receiving awards that include, **Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network Use Your Life Award**, **Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World Award**, **Abyssinian Development Corporation's Harlem Renaissance Award**, **Union Square Award's for Grassroots Organizing** and **Special Achievement**, and the **Brown University** inaugural *Alumni Association Young Public Service Award*.