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NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR SEATTLE'S BOBBE BRIDGE

***WASHINGTON JUSTICE
HONORED BY NATIONAL NETWORK FOR YOUTH WITH
ANNUAL SPIRIT AWARD***

***Award to be received at National Symposium on January 26, 2010
in Washington, D.C. During Awards Dinner at Omni Shoreham Hotel***

Washington, D.C.—January 19, 2010—National Network for Youth, a national organization that has been championing the needs of runaway, homeless and other disconnected youth for 35 years, is proud to celebrate the Honorable Bobbe Bridge (ret.) with its annual “Advocacy Spirit Award.”

“Justice Bridge has used her position of power to uphold the dignity and worth of our most vulnerable citizens.” Said National Network for Youth CEO and President Victoria Wagner. “She deserves the thanks and respect of the entire nation, and we are happy to join the chorus of praise.”

While serving on the King County Superior Court and Washington State Supreme Court, Justice Bridge spent twenty years relentlessly defending the rights and dignity of homeless children in our country. She has served on a host of committees, commissions, and work groups advising both the Governor and the Legislature on issues relating to children and families. She is also the Founding President of the Center for Children & Youth Justice and serves on numerous committees and advisory boards.

The National Network for Youth will celebrate the energy, effectiveness and firm moral compass of Justice Bridge at Symposium 2010: 35 Years of Helping Youth Realize the American Dream on Tuesday evening, January 26, 2010, during the annual awards dinner at the Omni Shoreham hotel. NN4Y will honor achievements on behalf of runaway and homeless youth, as well as acknowledge those members of Congress and the House who have made a significant impact on their work in the past year.

There are 2.5 million disconnected, unaccompanied and/or homeless youth in our country. Founded in 1975, National Network for Youth (www.nn4youth.org) is a membership organization to serve these youth. Comprised of young people, youth-serving agencies, youth workers, and youth advocates, National Network members seek to ensure that all young people can be safe and lead healthy and productive lives. For more information on Symposium, visit www.nn4youth.org.

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