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**Pillsbury United Communities' Oak Park Center Welcomes
The Legal Rights Center to the North Side**

(August, 2011, Minneapolis, Minn.) – Pillsbury United Communities' Oak Park Center is excited to welcome The Legal Rights Center (LRC), a law firm for and of the people, to the North Side. The Legal Rights Center is a community-driven nonprofit law firm, specializing in adult and juvenile criminal defense, and restorative justice practices and advocacy.

Pillsbury United Communities (PUC) and The Legal Rights Center are committed to sustaining the quality of justice for low-income people and people of color, and a decrease in the social costs associated with criminal behavior. The collaboration will allow The LCR to extend its reach to individuals on the North Side and the individuals Pillsbury United Communities serves each year. The LCR will have Thursday office hours from 4-5 PM at Oak Park Center.

Pillsbury United Communities has a 100+ year history of focusing on the complex causes and effects of social and economic inequalities, and works to effect positive change by connecting individuals and building meaningful relationships. One of Pillsbury United Communities six areas of focus is “Innovations in Civic Engagement.” PUC offers:

- Community Forums
- Informational Fairs
- Voter Registration
- Quarterly Block Club Meetings
- Community Events
- Volunteer Opportunities

The LCR will function alongside PUC's Oak Park Center's already established civic engagement programs. Pillsbury United Communities and The Legal Rights Center look forward to growth opportunities provided by this collaboration and look forward to strengthened service delivery.

About Pillsbury United Communities

Pillsbury United Communities is a nonprofit organization working to create choice, change and connection for people from all walks of life. With multiple locations in Minneapolis' inner city neighborhoods – including four neighborhood centers and a professional live theatre – Pillsbury United Communities is positioned to address the complicated issues and concerns faced by the more than 40,000 people who walk through our doors each year.