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## **Human Service Chamber Congratulates the City Leadership**

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**{Columbus, OH}** – The City of Columbus has demonstrated steadfast leadership in enhancing the quality of life for all residents through increased investments in the 2013 General Fund budget. The Human Service Chamber of Franklin County congratulates Mayor Michael B. Coleman and Council President Andrew J. Ginther on this unprecedented, shared approach to further invest the City's Bed Tax to support economic growth and vital services to our community's residents.

The city convened key stakeholders including human services, the arts and tourism to share the unveiling of the Funding Review and Advisory Committee (FRAC) proposal. "We are pleased with this process that shows the importance of equity in funding and accountability," said, Bo Chilton, Chairman of the Human Service Chamber of Franklin. "These increased investment means more resources to boost the City's ongoing commitment to community building and sustainability."

The Mayor and City Council recommends a \$3-\$5 million increase and code changes related to each of the three sectors. The human services portion of the hotel tax share increases from .42% to .51% or \$363,000 in permanent funding in prevention, emergency and basic needs for residents.

"We want to express sincere appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for their commitment to follow through on the FRAC process with this increase in funding for human service agencies along with GCAC and Experience Columbus in the proposed 2013 operating budget, said the Executive Director of the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County, Yvonne C. Hunnicutt. "We are looking forward to continuing our work together to pursue additional funding sources outlined in the FRAC final report."

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*The Human Service Chamber of Franklin County, established in January 2010, is an association of human service organizations in Franklin County dedicated to improving the quality of human services through collaboration, advocating for the needs of their clients, and impacting public policy.*