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Rochester Area Foundation approves new trustee

Rochester, Minn.—Sept. 25, 2008—Mayo Clinic’s Chief Information Officer, Abdul Bengali, is the latest addition to Rochester Area Foundation’s Board of Trustees. Bengali is a long-time resident of Rochester who has led the Information Technology Department at Mayo Clinic since 2001.



Since joining Mayo Clinic in 1977, Bengali has served in various IT Operation and Governance leadership roles. He received his Bachelor’s degree from California State Polytechnic University with a major in Computer Science.

Bengali was approved by a unanimous vote during his first board meeting in August. The board is currently comprised of 16 trustees and one emeritus member. Bengali also serves on the Ronald McDonald House board and is actively involved in a number of professional and charitable organizations.

“The addition of Abdul to the Foundation board is a real benefit to our community,” says Rochester Area Foundation Board Chair Michael McNeil. “We are excited to welcome him to the organization and look forward to the fresh perspective and wealth of experience that he will bring to our work.”

About Rochester Area Foundation

Dedicated to community vitality since 1944, Rochester Area Foundation’s mission is to strengthen community philanthropy by promoting responsible and informed giving and to assist donors in meeting their charitable objectives. The Foundation uses its resources to improve the quality of life, promote greater equality of opportunities and to develop effective methods to assist those in need in the greater Rochester area. In 2007, the Foundation invested over \$3.8 million in the community through grants to local nonprofit organizations. Learn more at www.rochesterarea.org.

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