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NEWS RELEASE

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“Bridges Out of Poverty” Workshop Scheduled for May 31

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque Circles Initiative will host its annual “Bridges Out of Poverty” workshop, designed to provide insight into both the challenges and strengths of those who live in or have lived in poverty, on Friday, May 31 at the Holiday Inn Grand Ballroom, 450 Main St., in Dubuque.

The workshop will be offered to social, health, legal, educational, and business professionals, as well as the general public, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The cost to participate in the workshop is \$40 per person before May 20, or \$60 after May 20. The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, beverages, and a book of your choice.

The workshop is based on the book, “Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities” by Dr. Ruby Payne, founder of aha! Process, Inc., a company that informs schools, companies, and other organizations about poverty. Topics to be covered in the workshop include:

- the hidden rules of socio-economic classes,
- the social and political factors affecting poverty,
- understanding communication patterns,
- four causes of poverty/barriers to change.

“Bridges Out of Poverty” will be facilitated by Jim Ott, a school psychologist with the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency, and Ermina Soler, Circles Initiative Coach for the City of Dubuque, who brings real-life experience to the team.

Registration is available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/bridgesoutofpoverty, or by contacting Ermina Soler at 563-690-6109.

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