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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NFCA Honors “Fraternalist-in-Action” for Volunteerism** *Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh* *Member Vicki Soule named Fraternal MVP.*

**OAK BROOK, IL, April 16, 2007** – The National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) is proud to recognize Vicki Soule—a member of Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh, Lodge #276—as a Fraternal MVP (Most Valuable Participant) for the week of April 16, 2007. Fraternal MVPs are “Fraternalists-in-Action” who volunteer their time and energy to strengthen their communities through participation in local lodge activities and other charitable endeavors.

“The NFCA wishes to salute those individuals as true fraternalists,” said NFCA Chair of the Board Janice U. Whipple. “As a Fraternal MVP, Vicki Soule embodies the heart of fraternalism through her hard work, dedication and generosity.”

Soule demonstrates the spirit of fraternalism, which started showing its colors many years ago when she was Den Mother for her three boys.

She currently is the Director at Florida Memorial Cancer Center in Ormond Beach, Florida, and is heading up the Cancer Survivor March (Walk) in that Area. Soule led the Cancer Survivor March for Life in Vero Beach, Florida, near her previous residence. On her days off and after work, she has volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, pounding nails and laying shingles.

Fraternal MVPs are part of the NFCA's Fraternalists-in-Action program, which recognizes individuals whose unique stories best represent 21<sup>st</sup> Century fraternalism. These fraternalists demonstrate exceptional compassion and vision through their volunteer activities.

### **About the Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh**

The Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh (GBU) was founded on April 13, 1892, by German immigrants that settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The purpose of its formation was to provide financial security, fraternalism and social activities to its members.

Today, GBU offers a wide variety of life insurance products, retirement savings programs and fraternal benefits to its members. GBU promotes German cultural activities and events, and encourages community and patriotic involvement. Charitable, recreational and social activities are developed and offered for the entire family. GBU encourages its members to perform charitable acts for their fellow members and communities. For more information, visit [www.gbu.org](http://www.gbu.org).

### **About the NFCA**

The 121-year-old NFCA unites 76 not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies operating in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The association represents 10 million fraternalists in 36,000 local chapters, making it one of America's largest member-volunteer networks. Fraternal benefit societies provide their members with leadership, social, educational, spiritual, patriotic, scholarship, financial and volunteer-service opportunities. Combined, the NFCA's member-societies maintain more than \$324 billion of life insurance-in-force and, in 2005 alone, contributed almost \$400 million to charitable and fraternal programs, and volunteered 93 million hours for community-service projects. These statistics demonstrate the commitment that fraternalists make to those in need and exemplify the true meaning of the NFCA signature phrase: *Joining Hands to Touch Lives*. For more information, visit the NFCA's Web site at [www.nfcenet.org](http://www.nfcenet.org).

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