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MEDIA ADVISORY

Prominent Indianapolis Business and Civic Leaders Join National Network to Eliminate Global Poverty

Founders of the Initiative for Global Development to Address Group at First Meeting

INDIANAPOLIS –Indianapolis business and civic leaders will meet next **Thursday, May 5** to discuss the formation of a new and unique national organization working to address global poverty. These leaders will be joined by former EPA Administrator and Indianapolis native, Bill Ruckelshaus and Global Partnerships CEO Bill Clapp, two founders of the Initiative for Global Development (IGD).

The Initiative for Global Development, founded in Seattle by Bill Ruckelshaus, Bill Clapp, Bill Gates Sr., former Governor and U.S. Senator Daniel J. Evans, and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff John Shalikashvili, is establishing a national network of prominent business and civic leaders in Indianapolis and 10 other cities to make the elimination of extreme global poverty a national priority.

Mr. Ruckelshaus was born in Indianapolis and began his legal career as Deputy Attorney General of Indiana. He also served as a Member and Majority leader of the Indiana House of Representatives. Mr. Ruckelshaus was Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, serving as the Agency's first Administrator when it was formed in 1970. He was later appointed acting Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and then served as Deputy Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Clapp, great-grandson of a founder of the Weyerhaeuser Co., served as chairman and CEO of the Matthew G Norton Co., the family property management firm. In 1994 Bill and his wife Paula created Global Partnerships, a nonprofit that implements microlending programs to eliminate poverty.

WHAT: Initiative for Global Development Breakfast

WHO: IGD Founders Bill Ruckelshaus and Bill Clapp
Prominent Indianapolis Business and Civic Leaders

WHEN: **Thursday, May 5 - 7:30 a.m.**

WHERE: The Columbia Club – Harrison Room
121 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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