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“Choosing to Participate” Exhibit Spotlights Racism, Violence and Empowers Youth to Make a Difference

*Open to the Public at the Boston Public Library
January 30th – May 20th 2008*

WHAT: Opening of the “Choosing to Participate” exhibit, a provocative, interactive exhibit that tackles issues such as violence, racism and hate crimes while profiling the compelling stories of individuals and communities who have confronted these challenges and had to make choices.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 30th

1:00 p.m. – Exhibit Viewing w/ Mayor Thomas M. Menino and students from Fenway High School who will accompany the mayor as he tours the exhibit ***PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

WHERE: Boston Public Library
700 Boylston Street

McKim Building – Changing Exhibit Room

WHO: Mayor Thomas M. Menino; Margot Stern Strom, founder and executive director of Facing History and Ourselves; students from Fenway High School.

Highlights:

- **Upstanders: Portraits of Courage**, a photographic exhibit highlighting 25 Greater Boston-area individuals and groups who were nominated for the ways they created change in their communities.
- **pARTicipation** powerful works of art that New England students created, showing their struggles, hopes and burgeoning sense of themselves as agents of change.
- **Everyone Has a Story** depicts challenges faced by a young Cambodian refugee and his classmates and neighbors in his New Hampshire community as he struggled to build a new life in the U.S.