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**ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS SEEKS
NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY**

Annual Opportunity to Recognize Local Organizations and Volunteers for their Service

SAN DIEGO, CA, May 31, 2005 – The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) San Diego Chapter is currently seeking nominations for its annual National Philanthropy Day awards. Nominations of philanthropists, volunteers and corporations who have played a critical role in supporting local not-for-profit organizations need to be submitted by June 15 to be eligible for this year's awards. Nomination forms are available online at www.afpsd.org or by contacting the AFP San Diego Chapter at 866.353.2171. The honorees selected in each of six categories will be honored at the National Philanthropy Day 2005 celebration on November 9th at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina.

This year, for the first time, any not-for-profit organization whose nominee is selected as an honoree for Philanthropy Day 2005 will receive \$500 to further their charitable mission.

Nominations may be made in the following categories:

- Outstanding Philanthropist
- Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer

Outstanding Philanthropic Organization

Outstanding Youth/Student Volunteer

Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation

Outstanding Organizational Volunteer

Since 1972, AFP has been honoring the spirit of philanthropy in our community by honoring local individuals and companies for their philanthropic endeavors. Over 100 AFP chapters celebrate National Philanthropy Day across the United States, Canada and Mexico, to honor individuals and organizations that have enhanced philanthropy, their communities and the world through their hard work and dedication. Additional information about Philanthropy Day 2005 and nomination category descriptions is available on the San Diego AFP Chapter website, www.afpsd.org or by calling toll free (888) 323-7237.

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The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents more than 26,000 fundraisers in over 170 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The Association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession. The AFP San Diego Chapter represents more than 275 charitable fundraisers in the local area. AFP was formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE).