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LOCAL PHILANTHROPISTS AND VOLUNTEERS TO BE HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING YEAR-ROUND EFFORTS

National Philanthropy Day Awardees Provide Support throughout the Community

SAN DIEGO, CA, September 26, 2005 – Eight local philanthropists, volunteers and organizations, whose year-round efforts help sustain many critical programs and services offered throughout San Diego, will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to our community at the 2005 National Philanthropy Day awards luncheon. This year's celebration, hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) San Diego Chapter, will be held November 9 at the Marriott Hotel & Marina on Harbor Drive downtown. Staff, volunteers and supporters of San Diego's many nonprofit organizations are invited to attend this annual recognition event. Title sponsor of the event is Sempra Energy.

“Putting the time and effort into being a philanthropist all year long, not just when it is convenient or when a major disaster strikes, is something that deserves special recognition,” said Donna Johnson, CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) and president of the San Diego Chapter of AFP. “The individuals and organizations we will honor at this year's National Philanthropy Day celebration have clearly demonstrated their constant commitment to enriching the San Diego community on a daily basis.”

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The individuals and organizations to be honored at this year’s National Philanthropy Day celebration were nominated for this special recognition by local nonprofit organizations. Their many gifts of time, talent and treasure help support programs and services in the arts, healthcare and social services for people of all ages. The eight honorees and their nominating organizations are:

- * **Outstanding Philanthropist** **Danah Fayman**, nominated by San Diego Youth & Community Services
- * **Outstanding Development Volunteer** **Judith Harris**, nominated by City of San Diego Commission for Arts & Culture
- * **Outstanding Philanthropic Organization** **Children’s Hospital Auxiliary**, nominated by Janie Anderson Consulting Services
- * **Outstanding Organizational Volunteer** **Patricia DeMarce**, nominated by Meals-on-Wheels Greater San Diego, Inc.
- * **Outstanding Youth/Student Volunteers** **Thomas Arguilez Smith**, nominated by Volunteer San Diego
Rishi Sangani, nominated by American Lung Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties
- * **Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation** **Manpower of San Diego**, nominated by High Tech High Foundation
- * **Outstanding Development Professional** **Colette Murray**, CFRE, nominated by Sharon LeeMaster & Associates

“This year marks the 20th anniversary of the nation-wide National Philanthropy Day event, however, the San Diego Chapter of AFP has been honoring the spirit of philanthropy since 1972 when our first Outstanding Development Volunteer was honored,” Ms. Johnson adds. “Since that time, as the spirit of philanthropy has grown in our community, additional categories have been added to recognize San Diego’s commitment to human care and civic betterment.”

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. To register to attend the November 9 event or to obtain additional information including sponsorship opportunities, go to the San Diego AFP Chapter website, www.afpsd.org, call toll free (866) 353-2171 or email marie@afpsd.org.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents more than 26,000 fundraisers in more than 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 265 charitable fundraisers in the local area. For more information, go to www.afpsd.org. AFP was formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE).