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**Congratulations to Anne Dick – Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer of the Year
*To be honored at National Philanthropy Day***

SAN DIEGO, CA Nov. 14, 2007 – The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) San Diego Chapter selected San Diego resident, Anne Dick, as Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer for 2007. Anne will be recognized for her over 30 years of time and support at National Philanthropy Day, a nation-wide celebration on Wednesday, November 14 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt downtown. “This is a special time when we recognize and pay tribute to the contributions made by volunteers and philanthropists to our region and our nation,” says Rachel Jonte, National Philanthropy Day Chair. “We are all fortunate to have someone like Anne Dick in our community.”

Anne Dick is described as the “Pied Piper” because her passion for fundraising is contagious. Her enthusiasm, extraordinary energy and tireless commitment make people follow her. She has become a consummate community volunteer, whether it was for medical research, homeless children, chronically ill homeless adults, victims of domestic violence or scholarships for need teens.

The Monarch School is an example of Anne’s commitment. The school had never raised more than \$300,000 in a single year. Anne and her co-chair, Chuck Dick, agreed to chair a \$3M capital campaign. They personally raised 27 gifts totaling over \$1.1M in less than two years. The committee raised an additional \$3.4M at the same time.

A visit to the Episcopal Family Services (ECS) Friend-to-Friend program, a daytime drop-in center for homeless adults, and a visit to their Downtown Safe Haven, a transitional housing program for chronically mentally-ill homeless men and women, convinced Anne to do a second stint on the ECS board. She made a commitment to the Episcopal Bishop to help turn around the media-torn agency, and she has turned it around. As chair of the Development Committee, she helped to

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successfully move ECS from the brink of bankruptcy to financial solvency.

Some of Anne's other volunteer career highlights include: The Bishop's School; San Diego Children's Hospital Foundation; Women Together Luncheon; San Diego Blood Bank; Las Patronas; Salvation Army Women of Dedication; San Diego Hospice and Walden Family Services.

As San Diego Chargers owner and former Las Patronas member, Susie Spanos said, "We all know that Anne Dick is one of the most special people on earth, but her ability to give is endless. She is a San Diego hero."

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 300 charitable fundraisers in the local area. AFP was formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE). To register for National Philanthropy Day 2007 or for additional information go to the San Diego AFP Chapter website, www.afpsd.org or by calling toll free (888) 323-7237.

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