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**Congratulations to Maureen Pecht King – Outstanding Organizational Volunteer
*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, Maureen Pecht King, as Outstanding Organizational Volunteer for 2007. She will be recognized for her great leadership abilities and her generosity 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. “Maureen has definitely gone above and beyond, and deserves this award.”

Maureen joined Mingei International Museum as a staff member beginning in the 1980’s, and then became a volunteer on the museum’s Board of Trustees serving on the Nominating, Strategic Planning and Development Committees. She did not stop there – she also chaired the Museum’s 25th Anniversary Celebration in 2004 and led the Board’s Search Committee for a new director. She is currently guiding the board as the Chair with transitioning from a founder-led institution to a board-led institution.

Maureen joined the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board of Directors at Scripps Mercy Hospital in 2002 and is currently the Vice Chairman and will become the Board Chairman in November 2008. Maureen’s community contacts, her skills in fundraising and as a donor give inspiration to the other board members at both Mingei and Mercy Hospital.

Since her days at USD, Maureen stayed involved with her alma mater and was honored with the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award in 1984. Other awards include: the Distinguished Volunteer

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Service Award from United Way of San Diego and the Junior League of San Diego; the Junior League lifetime Service Award and has been honored as a Woman of Dedication.

Maureen's additional volunteer activities include: The Advisory Council of the San Diego Organizing Project; Dean's Council USD, College of Arts and Sciences; Kraemer Endowment Foundation; Juniors of Social Service Auxiliary and Women Together Committee.

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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