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Association of Fundraising Professionals Announces Outstanding Award Winners in Philanthropy *Alaska Philanthropy Day - November 10, 2006*

Anchorage — The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is proud to announce the 2006 Outstanding Philanthropy Award Winners in celebration of National Philanthropy Day in Alaska, Friday, November 10, 2006. Honors will be presented at the Awards Luncheon (11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) at the Anchorage Downtown Marriott Hotel, 7th & I Street.

“We received award nominations from throughout the state and are tremendously proud of this year’s award winners and nominees. Alaskans from Barrow to Ketchikan are embracing the philosophy of philanthropy and helping their communities flourish,” said Ivy Spohnholtz, the Association’s Alaska Chapter president.

The 2006 honorees are as follows:

Outstanding Business in Philanthropy - Flint Hills Resources (Fairbanks)

From sponsorships of youth soccer teams in Fairbanks, to the Anchorage based HUGSS (Helping Us Give School Supplies) program, Interior Community Health Center, UAF, UAA, APU and UAS – Flint Hills Resources is “there” helping children and adults in our state.

Outstanding Small Business in Philanthropy - Land Design North

Land Design North is a small business with only 16 employees but has a huge heart for projects that strengthen community. Their “pro-bono” services include work for the Girl Scouts Susitna Council, Anchorage Concert Chorus, Anchorage Downtown Development, Anchorage Tomorrow, Denali National Park Visitor Center, Catholic Social Services’ Clare House and Mountain View Garden Art Park.

Outstanding Volunteer in Philanthropy - Sharon Gagnon

Sharon Gagnon has been extremely active in a multitude of organizations, projects and campaigns (Alaska Humanities Forum, UAA, Nature Conservancy, Providence Alaska Foundation, Rasmuson Foundation and the CIRI Foundation). She is knowledgeable about — and dedicated to furthering — philanthropy in Alaska and beyond.

Outstanding Professional in Philanthropy - Laurie Wolf, CFRE

Laurie Wolf's work with the Alaska Aids Assistance Association and through the Foraker Group has begun a revolution in the culture of individual philanthropy in Alaska. Her training of board members, CEO's and development staff has been invaluable to the staffs and volunteer leaders of many organizations.

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy - Hannah Watkins (Kenai)

Hannah Watkins, a Kenai High School senior, is a shining example of an outstanding youth who is giving back to children and parents in her community in a meaningful way. Hannah created a series of four books about the importance of being prepared for all kinds of emergencies. She reads her books (*Heidi and the Tsunami*, *Molly and the Earthquake*, *James and the Volcano* and *Spencer and the Wildfire*) to elementary school students on the Peninsula.

Outstanding Philanthropists - Kumin Family

Linda, Elizabeth, Leah and the late Jon Kumin have been philanthropists in our community for many years. They have provided substantial financial support for many worthwhile projects and campaigns, including United Way, Alzheimer's Resource Agency, APU, UAA, Anchorage Opera, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, Anchorage Symphony, and Commonwealth North.

In addition to celebrating the contributions of these incredible Alaskans, AFP will be holding a conference featuring renowned educator, Paul Pribbenow, Ph.D., CFRE, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Pribbenow is President of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN and is recognized as one of the most thoughtful and engaging teachers on issues of philanthropy, ethics and American public life.

AFP's Philanthropy Day Conference and Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 10, 2006 at the Downtown Marriott. Plenary Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. Workshop sessions run between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 pm, with doors opening at 11:15 a.m. The closing reception in the ConocoPhillips Atrium will be held from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. For more information about the conference please contact Julie Alfred at 297-7718, and for luncheon information contact Codie Costello at 263-2908.

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