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## 2010 National Philanthropy Day Award Honorees Announced by Association of Fundraising Professionals(AFP) Charlotte Chapter

Charlotte (August 10, 2010) - The Charlotte Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is pleased to announce the honorees selected for the 2010 National Philanthropy Day Awards. This year marks the 19<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon honoring pacesetters in philanthropy in the Carolinas.

New this year, in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charlotte chapter of AFP, the award winners were selected by a community-based committee comprised of both previous award winners and community leaders. Vicky Barton (2008 Outstanding Philanthropic Small Business - Edifice, Inc.), Cliff Cameron (2007 Outstanding Philanthropist), Samara Foxx (at-large), Marc Gustafson (2009 Outstanding Emerging Philanthropist), Bart Landess (2007 Outstanding Professional Fundraising Executive), Elaine Lyerly (2009 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser), Alisa McDonald (1990 Outstanding Philanthropic Organization-Duke Energy), and Deborah Whitfield (2009 Outstanding Champion of Diversity) participated in the selection.

"We were thrilled to take National Philanthropy Day awards selection to new heights this year by assembling this community committee," says Sharon Harrington, an AFP board member and chair of the 2010 awards luncheon. "With a strong pool of nominations, it was rewarding to hear the thoughtfulness and scrutiny that went into choosing this year's honorees."

This year's honorees:

Outstanding Champion of Diversity-Norberto Sanchez Outstanding Philanthropist-William H. Williamson III Outstanding Emerging Philanthropist-Marjorie Bray Outstanding Philanthropic Small Business-Loftin & Company Printers Outstanding Legacy- James Douglas Zeller (posthumously) Outstanding Student Philanthropy (2) - Playing for Others and Chantal Saxon Outstanding Philanthropic Organization-Susan G. Komen For the Cure - Charlotte Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser-Ruth Shaw Outstanding Professional Fundraising Executive-Kristin Hills Bradberry

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards luncheon will be on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, from 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton in uptown Charlotte. Tables of eight may be underwritten for \$350 or individual tickets are \$40. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.afp-charlotte.org or contact Sharon Harrington at 704-687-0082 or scharrin@uncc.edu.

About the Association of Fundraising Professionals

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