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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Orange County Philanthropists Honored at 30th Annual National Philanthropy Day Orange County

Orange County, CA – Submissions are currently being accepted by the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for businesses, corporations, schools, nonprofit organizations, and individuals for the **2015 National Philanthropy Day Orange County Awards Luncheon** scheduled for Thursday, **November 19, 2015**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Hotel Irvine Jamboree Center. This year's effort, themed **"Giving is Always in Season,"** continues to be the premier awards event in Orange County, which honors businesses, groups and individuals for their outstanding philanthropic activities in the community.

Submissions must be completed online at www.npdcc.com. **The deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 31, 2015.**

National Philanthropy Day was conceived and organized in the 1980s by Orange County resident Doug Freeman. It was initially celebrated in 1986, when then-President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation officially recognizing Nov. 15, 1986 as National Philanthropy Day. Since then, thousands of honorees have been recognized across North America. Orange County philanthropists honored have included Donald Bren, Marion Knott, Henry and Susan Samueli, Henry Segerstrom, and General William and Willa Dean Lyon.

National Philanthropy Day Orange County award categories include:

- Legacy Award
- Outstanding Founder
- Outstanding Philanthropic Group
- Outstanding Philanthropist
- Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser

- Outstanding Youth or Youth Group (under 21 years of age)
- Outstanding Large Corporation or Business (500 employees or more)
- Outstanding Mid-Size Corporation or Business (51 to 499 employees)
- Outstanding Small Corporation or Business (1 to 50 employees)

The Outstanding Youth or Youth Group honoree will be able to designate an award of \$2,500 to the charity of their choice, thanks to the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Orange County Chapter, in addition to the personal \$750 scholarship they receive.

All the nominees in each category will receive a recognition letter from NPD Founder Doug Freeman, and one outstanding honoree in each category will be chosen and will receive an award at the award luncheon in November. The nine outstanding honorees are named in July.

Pat Poss, noted community philanthropist and NPD nominee several times, is the Honorary Chair for the 30th anniversary event. Event Co-Chairs are Mitch Spann and Catherine Spear.

About National Philanthropy Day

National Philanthropy Day Orange County honors those who have demonstrated philanthropy and enhanced their communities and the world. Each year, more than 100 Association of Fundraising Professionals chapters throughout the US and Canada honor the philanthropic efforts of individuals, businesses and groups. Net proceeds from the event support the ethical advancement of philanthropy in the community by the Orange County Chapter of AFP.

National Philanthropy Day Orange County is sponsored by the Orange County Chapter of Fundraising Professionals and the Media Sponsor is the *Orange County Register*. This year marks the 27th year of the *Orange County Register's* participation.

For further information on the event, visit www.npdoc.org.

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