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Mid-Michigan AFP Announces Top Local Philanthropist, Volunteer, Other Awards

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN (October 23, 2009) – The Mid-Michigan chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) today announced the recipients of its 2009 National Philanthropy Day Awards, which honor the people and institutions that are driving philanthropy in the Great Lakes Bay region.

Jim and Terry Wolohan were named 2009 Outstanding Philanthropists for their tireless commitment to local charities for many years. Jim has served on many boards including the SVSU Foundation, the Delta College Foundation, Saginaw YMCA, Saginaw County United Way, Holy Cross Children's Services Foundation, and the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan. Through the Wolohan Family Foundation, Jim and Terry have supported many local and Michigan institutions including Habitat for Humanity, Saginaw Township Soccer Association, Covenant House of Michigan, Delta College, SVSU, Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Hidden Harvest and Nouvel Catholic Central High School.

Joseph W. Madison was named 2009 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser for his wide-ranging work in support of numerous local causes. Madison has provided leadership to such initiatives as the Giving Back Task Force for Saginaw County's Promise, the Youth F.O.R.C.E. of the Saginaw Community Foundation, the Bridge Center for Racial Harmony and the Saginaw County Youth Leadership Institute at SVSU. In addition, Madison has been involved with the Urban Youth Tennis Foundation, the YMCA Winners program, and White Pine Reading Buddies Program, United Way, the Saginaw Choral Society and Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Suzanne Greenberg, president and CEO of the Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Council of Saginaw County, was named 2009 Outstanding Fundraising Executive. Under Greenberg's direction, the CAN Council increased its operating budget from \$40,000 to nearly \$1 million in 11 years to meet the needs of Saginaw County's children and

families. Her passion for families at risk of abuse and neglect is evident in the partnerships that she has helped create, such as Healthy Families Saginaw and local/statewide collaborations including Zero to Five Advocacy Network, Child Death Review Team, Birth-5 County Collaborative, Saginaw's Promise Steering, and Michigan's Children's Trust Fund. Greenberg is also a board member for the Michigan Non-Profit Association and the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association.

The Morey Foundation of Winn, Michigan was named 2009 Outstanding Foundation. The Foundation was established by Norval Morey (founder of Morbark, Inc.) to support causes in Isabella County. Today, the Foundation is led by Lon Morey and has grown into a leading supporter of causes in the region including The Morey Charter School, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Central Michigan Community Hospital, Woodland Hospice, Central Michigan University, Gratiot Medical Center, Isabella County Cultural and Recreational Center, and the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. The Morey Foundation also founded and supports the annual Isabella County High School Talent and Poster contest.

Garb-Ko, under the leadership of president and CEO Dan Abraham, was named 2009 Outstanding Corporation. Garb-Ko has a long history of partnership with non-profit organizations in this region. Based in Saginaw, Garb-Ko is a leading operator of 7-Eleven franchises in Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Garb-Ko has been tireless in support of this community, supporting everything from small fundraisers like car washes to significant commitments to Salvation Army bellringers at many of its stores. Garb-Ko has also made contributions to the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Midland Lions Club, Boys & Girls Club of Bay City, MDA, St. Mary's of Michigan, Special Olympics and dozens of other local and national causes.

To pay tribute to these award recipients, the Mid-Michigan AFP is hosting the NPD Awards Luncheon at SVSU's Curtiss Hall on Thursday, November 12, 2009 in Saginaw. The event begins at noon and is open to the general public. Mark Torregrossa of NBC 24 will be master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$30.

For information on attending the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon, contact Rick Middleton at (989) 245-1375 or by email at rickmcopy@yahoo.com.

About AFP:

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 28,000 members in more than 190 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.

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