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AFP-RI Hosts National Philanthropy Day To Honor The Spirit of Giving **Changing Rhode Island with a Giving Heart**

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Nov. 22, 2011 – Each November, local chapters of the Association for Fundraising Professionals throughout the world set aside one special day to recognize the significant impact of philanthropy - it's called National Philanthropy Day (NPD). NPD acknowledges the entire spectrum of services provided by the nonprofit community and recognizes the profound impact that philanthropy has on the fabric of society.

Each year at National Philanthropy Day, The Association of Fundraising Professionals Rhode Island Chapter honors an outstanding individual, corporation, business and service organization that have made an extraordinary contribution to philanthropy and volunteerism in Rhode Island. The 2011 award winners are:

Outstanding Philanthropic Citizen

– Louis Marciano

Outstanding Philanthropic Business (less than 250 employees)

– Centreville Bank

Outstanding Philanthropic Organization

– Providence Rescue Mission

Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation

– Stop & Shop

AFP-RI will also award the 4th Annual **Herbert Kaplan Youth in Philanthropy Scholarship**, (\$2,500) to a high school senior who demonstrates philanthropic spirit within the community: Sara Rauwolf, The Prout School.

This year 65 corporations, small businesses, individuals and groups will also be honored as Partners in Philanthropy. Recognition is given to Partners in Philanthropy by non-profit organizations in honor of outstanding volunteers and donors who have furthered mission and impacted the community through their significant generosity, outstanding leadership or exemplary volunteer contributions.

The 2011 AFP-RI National Philanthropy Day event is made possible by the following sponsors: **Presenting Sponsor** - The Rhode Island Foundation; **Gold Sponsor** - Bank of America; **Bronze Sponsor** - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Centreville Bank, Citizens Bank, Episcopal Charities of Rhode Island, Fund Consultants, Verizon, and Washington Trust

AFP-RI has proclaimed Tuesday, November 22, 2011 as National Philanthropy Day in Rhode Island. **The celebration will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd at 8:30am at The Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI.**

About the Association of Fundraising Professionals: AFP, an association of professionals throughout the world, advances philanthropy by enabling people and organizations to practice effective and ethical fundraising. The core activities through which AFP fulfills this mission include education, training, mentoring, research, credentialing, and advocacy. www.afpri.org ###

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