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Philanthropists, Volunteers and Fundraisers Honored

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The Association of Fundraising Professionals Delaware Brandywine Chapter (AFP) awarded its 2008 Philanthropy Day Awards during the chapter's annual Philanthropy Day held November 13th at the Deerfield Golf and Country Club. Outstanding Philanthropist Award winners were Cynthia Primo Martin and Reverend Thomas C. Short. Honored for her Volunteer Service was Betty Garrett and a New Face in Philanthropy was Christopher Grundner. Youth in Philanthropy winners included: Kathryn Cunningham of Chadds Ford, Annie Rose Baum of Newark and Garrett Browne Lyons III of Greenville. Receiving the Outstanding Fundraising Executive of the Year was Michele LeFever Quinn of Brandywine Hundred and Rising Star of the year was Stephanie Ferrell of Wilmington.

Cynthia Primo Martin of Wilmington was honored for the over 20 years of service she has provided to the community by leading and financially supporting non-profit organizations. She was vice president of development and public relations, as well as interim president, at Ingleside Homes. She has served on numerous boards including the Brandywine Chapter of AFP, University of Delaware, Delaware Community Foundation, Delaware Symphony and United Way of Delaware. Most recently she is founder and CEO of Trustees of Color, an organization dedicated to ensuring that Delaware's non-profit boards include people of color.

The Reverend Thomas C. Short of Brandywine Hundred was recognized for his work as a volunteer, fundraiser and philanthropist. Short served many years as pastor for United Methodist Churches in Delaware. He served as Fundraising Chair of the New Castle County Boy Scouts of America and as co-chair of the Major Gifts Committee for the United Methodist Church to build an Adult Retreat Center on the Chester River in Maryland. More than \$850,000 has been raised for the project. More recently, he served on the board and as president of the Neighborhood House helping to raise \$450,000 over a two year period.

Betty Garrett of Chadds Ford was recognized for her volunteer activities for organizations dedicated to helping victims of violence. Alarmed by the number of girls and women who are victims of violence each year, Garrett decided to increase awareness about the problem by gathering a group of women to stage a production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*, during the 10 year anniversary of the play. Interest in the production grew so much that the evening production at the Delaware Theatre Company sold out three weeks in advance and a matinee was added. Proceeds from the production benefited Contact Lifeline, Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Planned Parenthood of Delaware and YWCA Delaware.

Christopher Grundner of Landenberg received a New Face in Philanthropy Award for his work as founder and Executive Director of The Kelly Heinz-Grundner Brain Tumor Foundation. After his wife, Kelly, died of a brain tumor at the age of 31, Grundner left his six figure position at JPMorgan Chase to start the foundation to increase awareness and educate the public about brain tumors, as well as, help patients and families who are battling a brain tumor. In three short years, Grundner has garnered support from over 2500 individuals, as well as major foundations and corporations.

Kathryn Cunningham received the Youth in Philanthropy Award for her work with Power Up Gambia, a non-profit organization which she founded after she participated in a medical exchange program in Gambia. The young medical student's goal was to raise \$300,000 to install a solar power system at the Sulayman Jungkung General Hospital, one of only four hospitals that serve the country's 1.7 million people. The hospital had only 10 hours of electricity a day and sporadic running water. She surpassed her goal and phase one of the project to install a solar-powered water pump was completed in December 2007. Installation of the solar panels is currently underway and expected to be completed in November.

Annie Rose Baum, a freshman at Sanford School, was awarded a Youth in Philanthropy Award for her work to raise awareness of the genocide in the Darfur Region of Sudan. Alarmed by what was happening in Darfur, Annie Rose vowed not to remain silent but to do something that would make a difference. She appealed to the entire student body, pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, as well as parents and faculty, asking them to contribute to her UNICEF drive to support the victims in Darfur. The campaign ran from January to April and was the most successful UNICEF campaign at Sanford to date, raising over \$5,600.

Garrett Browne Lyons, III, a freshman at the University of Virginia, was recognized for his volunteer service while attending Tower Hill School. Garrett started the Nativity Prep Student Ambassadors, a program comprised of volunteers from Tower Hill and other private schools which tutors Nativity Prep students, as well as raises funds for the school. He participated in the Jefferson Awards Youth Service Initiative which developed a cultural exchange with Chinese students and raised over \$7,500 for cleft palate surgeries for 30 Chinese children. He was instrumental in raising \$50,000 to frame a house in Mobile County for Habitat for Humanity, following Hurricane Katrina and raised funds for the New Castle County Habitat for Humanity.

Michèle LeFever Quinn, Chief Development Officer of YWCA Delaware, a resident of Brandywine Hundred, was named the 2008 Fundraising Executive of the Year, which recognizes individuals with at least ten years experience in fundraising. Quinn began her fundraising career in 1990 at Wilmington Montessori School. In 2002, Ms Quinn went on to serve as Director of Development at Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts.

Stephanie Ferrell, Director of Development at Connecting Generations (CG), received the 2008 Rising Star which recognizes individuals with less than five years of outstanding service in fundraising. A native of Greenwood, Ferrell began her fundraising career at YWCA Delaware. She then worked at the University of Delaware as the Grant and Project Coordinator in the Center for Disability Studies and in 2007 became the first Director of Development at Connecting Generations.

Philanthropy Day is celebrated each year to recognize and pay tribute to contributions that philanthropists and philanthropy make in the community. The day long event includes an awards luncheon, as well as educational seminars. The Brandywine Chapter of Asp's Philanthropy Day was made possible in part by contributions from lead sponsor Chase, as well as the News Journal.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents over 30,000 fundraisers in 200 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. AFP fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in fundraising. The AFP DE, Brandywine Chapter represents more than 160 charitable fundraisers in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey.
