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ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER ANNOUNCES 31ST ANNUAL NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY HONOREES

National Philanthropy Day event scheduled for November 14th, 2018

TOLEDO, OH— The Association of Fundraising Professionals' Northwest Ohio Chapter (AFP-NWO) announced today the eight honorees who will be recognized at the organization's 31ST Annual National Philanthropy Day® (NPD) celebration on November 14, 2018.

This year's honorees are:

TDC Companies

Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist

Nominated by: Kevin Jansen

The Russell J. Ebeid Family

Outstanding Philanthropist

Nominated by: ProMedica

Designetics Cares

Outstanding Foundation

Nominated by: St. Ursula Academy

Barbara Eikost

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser

Nominated by: Hospice of Northwest Ohio

Madhouse

Outstanding Media Outlet or Best Nonprofit

Media Coverage

Nominated by: The Victory Center

Douglas Siebenaler

Outstanding Fundraising Professional

Nominated by: Sunshine Communities

Taylor Brubaker

Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy, Ages 18-23

Nominated by: University of Findlay

The 2018 NPD honorees were chosen from more than 21 nominees by a geographically and generationally diverse panel of judges that included regional professionals, community leaders and past winners.

“Northwest Ohio has a long history of charitable giving. Many of our community's best cultural, educational, and health care resources were established by philanthropists. Their legacy lives on with the individuals, families, and organizations of today who make great things possible our community through their generosity,” said John Lechman, CFRE, President of AFP-NWO Chapter. “Thank you to all the honorees and nominees who represent just a small part of the many caring people who, through their selflessness, are changing northwest Ohio with a giving heart.”

The chapter's 31ST Annual National Philanthropy Day® event, scheduled for November 14, 2017 from 11 am – 1:30 pm at Premier Banquet Hall in Toledo, is a community celebration of the philanthropic spirit and practice that results when all of us work together to “Change the World with a Giving Heart.” The Presenting Sponsor is the Toledo Community Foundation. To date, additional sponsors include Toledo Lucas County Public Library (Ambassador Sponsor), Bowling Green State University (Signature Sponsor), The Andersons, Inc. (Supporting Sponsor).

Space for the event is limited to 500 guests, so those who would like to attend are encouraged to reserve their tickets now. Reservations can be made online at afpnwo.org or by calling 330-329-2472. Sponsorship opportunities are also available at <http://www.afpnwo.org/npdsponsorships.php>

About Association of Fundraising Professionals

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), with more than 33,000 global members, advances philanthropy by enabling individuals and organizations to practice ethical and effective fundraising. The core activities through which AFP fulfills this mission include education, training, mentoring, research, credentialing and advocacy.

About Association of Fundraising Professionals – Northwest Ohio Chapter

The Northwest Ohio (NWO) Chapter of AFP is an inclusive and diverse community of more than 120 fundraising professionals from 75 nonprofits in 15 counties throughout Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan whose nonprofits raise more than \$250 million dollars annually. Members and their institutions abide by a Code of Ethics and Donor Bill of Rights to ensure that funds are raised and stewarded ethically to benefit people within our community, thus strengthening public trust in philanthropy.

About National Philanthropy Day®

National Philanthropy Day® (NPD), observed internationally around November 15th, is an international celebration of the countless contributions individuals and organizations make every day to benefit their communities and enrich our world. NPD was originally conceived of and organized by Douglas Freeman in the 1980s, and President Reagan signed the official NPD proclamation in 1986. Last year, more than 130 AFP chapters held NPD events and activities across North America.

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