

ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS, TREASURE COAST, SPONSORS NEW CHAPTER FOR BREVAED COUNTY

STUART (November 2007) – **Diane Charette**, president of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the ***Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)***, recently announced the formation and sponsorship of a new chapter in Brevard County. As announced by AFP national, this brings the total number of Association chapters to 196.

“We’re very excited about the addition of this and other chapters to the AFP community,” said Paulette V. Maehara, CFRE, CAE, president and CEO of AFP. “AFP is dedicated to helping fundraisers wherever they may work, and our ability to serve them is based on having great chapters with strong leadership. Our new chapters fit the bill perfectly, and we welcome them and look forward to working with them in the future.”

The Space Coast Chapter, located in Melbourne, was formed under the direction of a 10-member steering committee, including four certified fundraisers and members of the Central Florida chapter, which was also a chapter sponsor. The first chapter president will be Jeanene Donilon, CFRE, Director of Individual Giving at the Health First Foundation in Melbourne.

“We are so pleased to bring AFP membership opportunities to this area of Florida,” Donilon said. “Through our new local chapter we hope to take advantage of AFP’s resources and help provide professional networking and educational opportunities to truly raise the philanthropic bar in our community. We also appreciate the overwhelming support from our peers – those in Brevard who are working with us on the steering committee and who have already signed up for membership, as well as the Central Florida and Treasure Coast Chapters for their leadership, guidance and sponsorship.”

Increasing chapters is a testament to the growing number of fundraising professionals and their desire for ongoing professional education. The focus of AFP is working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs.

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