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Honorees announced for 2005 National Philanthropy Day Awards

Stuart, Florida – Each year the **Treasure Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)** hosts a National Philanthropy Day luncheon to pay tribute to the contribution that philanthropy plays in our lives and in our communities. The luncheon provides an opportunity to recognize outstanding individual and corporate philanthropists and fundraising volunteers whose achievements have made a significant impact in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties.

The Treasure Coast Chapter of AFP is pleased to announce those who will be honored for the 2005 National Philanthropy Day Awards in six categories:

- **Andy and Fran Morgade for Outstanding Individual Philanthropists, nominated by Indian River Community College Foundation, Inc.**
- **John's Island Real Estate Co. for Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist, nominated by Mental Health Association of Indian River County.**
- **Chuck and Priscilla Sawicki, for Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award, nominated by the United Way of Martin County.**
- **Gill and JJ Richards, for the Unsung Hero Award, nominated by the Martin County American Red Cross.**
- **Richard VanMele, for the Unsung Hero Award, nominated by The Homeless Family Center.**
- **Operation Smile Club, for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy, nominated by St. Edward's School in Vero Beach.**

- **Indian River County Hospital Auxiliary, for Outstanding Group Supporting Philanthropy, nominated by the Indian River Hospital Foundation.**

“National Philanthropy Day is the day we recognize and pay tribute to the contributions that philanthropy and philanthropists have made in our community,” noted Robin Hicks-Connors, this year’s event Chairperson. “Our honorees and all nominees have made the commitment to support philanthropy in Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin County and are committed to keeping the spirit of civic betterment alive and strong,” she added. This year, the awards luncheon will be held on Friday, November 18th at Sailfish Point Country Club on south Hutchinson Island. For more information about attending the luncheon please contact Robin Hicks-Connors at 225-1961.

About AFP

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents 26,000 fundraisers in more than 170 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs. For more information about AFP and National Philanthropy Day go to <http://www.afpnet.org>.

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