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## **Fundraisers Invite You to Share Lunch and Ideas**

STUART, FL.....September 13, 2010.....Members of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals will be sharing lunch and a discussion of “Creating a Culture of Philanthropy” on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Manero’s Restaurant in Palm City will be the site of the meeting designed to network with fundraising colleagues, learn and pool ideas.

Kelly DeGregorio, CFRE and Assistant Vice President of the Martin Memorial Foundation will lead the discussion on “Creating a Culture of Philanthropy.” What is it? How do we get one? This session will provide you with a roadmap for building a culture of philanthropy. By taking small but deliberate steps, you can create a powerful force for philanthropy within your organization. Despite limited funds and a small staff, you can create a powerful force for philanthropy within your organization. Come and see how to do it!

The 2010 AFP Board of Directors voted unanimously to bring back these beneficial networking and programatic luncheons for the benefit of the chapter members and their colleagues. Joanne Towner, CFRE Board President, and Director of Development for House of Hope, commented, “Our members have enthusiastically embraced the return of these luncheons. They are a wonderful way to reconnect with colleagues and pick up valuable information. We encourage anyone interested in fundraising to attend.”

Vice President of Education for the AFP chapter, Tricia Jenkins President of Fearless Fundraising, is coordinating this and future luncheons. All those interested in attending can contact Tricia at 772-801-3410 for further information. The luncheon on September 17<sup>th</sup> begins with networking at 11:30 am until noon followed by lunch and the program until 1:30 pm. Members (\$15) and non-members (\$20) are welcome. Manero’s Restaurant is located at 2851 SE High Meadows Avenue in Palm City.

### **ABOUT AFP**

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents over 30,000 members in 200+ chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession. [www.afpnet.org](http://www.afpnet.org). Chartered in 1994, the Treasure Coast Chapter serves Martin and St Lucie Counties and represents approximately 50 non-profit organizations. Visit [www.afptreasurecoast.org](http://www.afptreasurecoast.org)