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2016 National Philanthropy Day: *A Symphony of Philanthropy*
Honorees Announced & San Diego Symphony Orchestra to Perform
November 16, 2016

SAN DIEGO – September 9, 2016 – San Diego's annual National Philanthropy Day celebration, presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) San Diego Chapter, recognizes the critical role philanthropy plays in our society and honors those who make the greatest difference in strengthening our community. The theme for 2016 is *A Symphony of Philanthropy*. This theme honors the new location at Copley Symphony Hall at the Jacobs Music Center, as well as the commitment of philanthropists, volunteers and individuals throughout San Diego who bring together diverse skills to create a difference.

At the 44th Annual National Philanthropy Day awards, AFP San Diego will honor seven outstanding individuals who represent the highest ideals of philanthropy. These honorees are listed below.

The Outstanding Philanthropist Award will be given to T. Denny Sanford, whose generosity has changed the face of San Diego. Sanford has been listed among the top 50 Philanthropists in the United States by *Business Week* and by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* and over time has contributed more than $1 billion to causes throughout the country. With a deep dedication to education, healthcare, wildlife and youth programs, Sanford's philanthropic support for the San Diego community has been nothing less than transformational.

A Symphony of Philanthropy is a theme that highlights the many players who contribute to the leadership, teamwork, passion and direct services that help non-profits flourish. "Just as musicians play both solo and in concert with others, San Diego is strengthened by the efforts of individual philanthropists, non-profit professionals and board members, volunteers, corporate groups, and grant makers who work together to make our community a better place," said Keely Tidrow, AFP San Diego President and Major Gifts Officer, The Old Globe.

Seven outstanding community leaders have been chosen as honorees by our honorary committee, chaired by Dea Hurston. AFP San Diego is pleased to announce the names of the following individuals who will be recognized at the 44th Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards on Nov. 16, 2016:

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- Outstanding Philanthropist: T. Denny Sanford
- Outstanding Development Professional: Amy Parrott, San Diego Zoo Global
- Outstanding Organizational Volunteer: Dylan Dabasinskas, Firefighter Aid
- Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer: John Seiber, Kraemer Endowment Foundation, UBS
- Outstanding Grant Making Organization: Susan G. Komen San Diego
- Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation: Brookfield Residential, HomeAid San Diego
- Outstanding Youth/Student Volunteer: Linh Luong, Reality Changers

"This is a great opportunity for San Diego to model and mentor America's Finest and Kindest City by creating a diverse, vibrant and energized social sector. Like a great symphony, this requires ALL of us to make great music together! The new inspiration and implementation of San Diego's National Philanthropy Day will launch a new era in advancing local philanthropy - love of humankind. Through our harmonic expression of time, treasure and talent, we hope for a true transformation for our region. Mission Fed is incredibly honored to lead by example as the Presenting Sponsor, as together we create, curate, communicate and celebrate the very best of San Diego's generous and giving spirit," said Neville Billimoria, Senior Vice President & Chief Advocacy Officer for Mission Fed.

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Event Calendar Details
44th Annual National Philanthropy Day
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Copley Symphony Hall at the Jacobs Music Center
750 B Street, San Diego, 92101
Tickets: $85 each (includes parking)
For sponsorship and ticket information: http://www.NPD2016.org
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About National Philanthropy Day
National Philanthropy Day is a special day set aside to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy—and those people active in the philanthropic community—have made to our lives, our communities, and our world. This year marks the 44th event for the AFP San Diego Chapter. The event gives the entire community the opportunity to recognize the great contributions—and the people and organizations making a difference—that make San Diego such an extraordinary region.

Event Chairs this year are Dea Hurston – Honorary Committee; Nels Jensen, Editor, San Diego Business Journal – Planning Committee; and Lisa Ritchie, Vice President, Netzel Grigsby Associates, Inc.- Resource Development Committee.

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Association of Fundraising Professionals San Diego Chapter (AFP San Diego) is dedicated to empowering people and organizations to practice ethical and effective fundraising through education, certification, mentorships, and diversity recruitment. The AFP San Diego Chapter represents more than 350 professionals who are the leaders of their respective nonprofit organizations. AFP was formerly the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE). Since 1972, AFP has been honoring the spirit of philanthropy in our community by honoring local individuals and companies for their philanthropic endeavors. Learn more at afpsd.com.

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