



QUAD CITIES CHAPTER
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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

Wednesday, November 19
12 noon

i Wireless Center
1201 River Drive
Moline, IL

Frances Emerson
Keynote Speaker

Jim Mertens
Master of Ceremony

Reservation card attached.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the winners of the National Philanthropy Day Awards. We had several great nominations this year, thank you for taking the time to submit nominations this year. I hope you are planning on attending the lunch on November 19.

Sam Wagner, winner of the **Outstanding Youth** award. Sam became inspired to fight poverty in the Quad Cities after meeting a homeless man in Atlanta when he was 15 years old. In three years, Sam has raised nearly \$40,000 for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities by spearheading the annual Car Wash for Humanity.

The **Pleasant Valley High School Cheerleaders**, winners of the **Outstanding Youth Group** award. The cheerleaders perform hundreds of hours of community service throughout the year, including cheering for participants in fundraising events such as Race for the Cure and Light the Night Walk. The squad set an ambitious goal of raising \$5000 for a storm shelter at the Boy Scout camp in Little Sioux, Iowa where four scouts were killed during a tornado; they were ultimately able to contribute \$5,355.

Chris Mandle, winner of the **Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser** award. Chris portrays a spirit of voluntarism and philanthropy that is rare in someone so young. At the age of 27, Chris devotes much of his free time to community leadership, encouraging voluntarism in others, and fundraising for various causes in the Quad Cities

Vickie Ann Palmer, winner of the **Outstanding Philanthropist** award. Vickie has continued her family's tradition of philanthropy and exceptional generosity in order to improve the quality of life in the Quad Cities and beyond. Through her own example of service and compassion, Vickie energizes others to contribute.

Tom Getz will be honored with the **Distinguished Service to Philanthropy** award. Tom's willingness to serve and ability to motivate others to become involved in the community has resulted in an extraordinary growth of quality leaders serving a variety of non-profit organizations.

Jennifer Blohm, winner of the **Outstanding AFP Chapter Member** award. Jen is known for her contagious enthusiasm, relentless dedication and passion for fundraising. She serves AFP-QC as a board member, committee chair, presenter and mentor, and regularly recruits and inspires new members.

Pete Wessels, winner of the **Outstanding Planned Giving Professional** award. As a principal in the law firm of Wessels & Stojan, Pete's practice focuses on estate planning and trust administration. He believes that any discussion with clients about estate planning is incomplete unless they consider charitable giving, regardless of the size of their estate.

What can AFP members do to celebrate National Philanthropy Day?

1. Invite your board members, staff, volunteers and supporters to attend the National Philanthropy Day award ceremony and luncheon on November 19.
2. Publicize National Philanthropy Day via your internal and external newsletters, website and other communication pieces.
3. Use National Philanthropy Day as an opportunity to thank your supporters for all they do for your organization and for our community.
4. Visit the National Philanthropy Day section of the AFP website:
http://www.afpnet.org/national_philanthropy_day_and_afp_awards

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Upcoming AFP Audioconferences

Audioconferences are a great way to bring value to your AFP membership. They provide useful information in a convenient format. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming audioconference programs. Reservation information can be found below.

Tuesday Dec. 16-12:00 – 1:30 --- “Guerilla Tactics: Motivating Your Board and CEO to Raise More Money” presented by **Paula K. Parrish, CFRE**

Audioconferences are held at the American Red Cross, 1100 River Drive, Moline, IL, **from noon to 1:30 p.m.** For information and reservations, contact Patti Franklin, (309) 743-2170 ext. 209 or email: FranklinP@usa.redcross.org. Participation in these sessions qualifies for 1.5 points toward CFRE continuing education requirements. Registration is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members and bring a brown bag lunch.

AFP Mentor Breakfast

(Members Only)

“Creating a Fundraising Calendar”

Gary Rowe, CFRE, Western Illinois University

Friday, November 21 at 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Village Inn, Elmore and 53rd, Davenport

Reservations: Tracy Larson at 322-1731

Welcome New Members –

Delia Dreifurst, United Way of the QC Area

Nicole Carkner, Quad City Health Initiative

Thea Hansen-Bettis, AIDS Project Quad Cities