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**Association of Fundraising Professionals honors
community philanthropists at community luncheon**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—The Association of Fundraising Professionals Genesee Valley Chapter honored the contributions of community philanthropists and fundraising professionals on National Philanthropy Day® during a luncheon today, Friday, Nov. 9, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Nominees were honored in the following six categories:

The Polisseni Family received the award for Outstanding Philanthropist, which is presented to an individual or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, has demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable responsibility, and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles. Other nominees were: Harold and Terri Bobry, Karen and Dan Lynch, Victor E. Salerno, Jr., Sue van der Stricht, Tom and Nan Hildebrandt and Walter Parkes.

Daniel J. Burns received the award for Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser, which goes to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in coordinating and motivating groups of volunteers for fundraising projects for the benefit of more than one nonprofit organization, demonstrating a commitment to the advancement of philanthropy. Other nominees were: David Guadagnino, David Riedman and the Rotary Club of Greece.

Ambika Sharma received the award for Outstanding Youth Volunteer Fundraiser, which goes to an individual or group of individuals who are 18 years of age or younger and have engaged in fundraising activity for a nonprofit organization, demonstrating commitment to helping others through philanthropy. Other nominees were: Rachel Auchter, Kids Miracle Making Club, Kyle Schuhart, Kyle Stein, Water for South Sudan at the Harley School and Woof Woof Club.

M/E Engineering, PC received the award for Outstanding Corporation, which goes to a corporation or its corporate foundation that has demonstrated outstanding commitment through financial support and encouragement and motivation of others to take leadership roles in philanthropy and community involvement. Other nominees were: Constellation Brands, Inc, CooperVision, Dixon Schwabl and Hoselton Auto Mall, Nixon Peabody LLP.

Karen M. Gaffney, CFRE received the award for the Robert A. Clinger Outstanding Professional Fundraiser, which goes to an outstanding individual fundraising professional who practices his/her profession in an exemplary manner. Other nominees were: Carol Anne DeMoulin and Diane L. Shoger.

The Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation received the award for Outstanding Foundation, which goes to a private or family foundation that has a demonstrated record of generosity through direct financial support and motivation of individuals and/or organizations to play leading roles in supporting the needs and priorities of our community. The other nominee was: A.B. & J. Noyes Foundation.

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