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## **National Philanthropy Day®**

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#### **National Philanthropy Day Award Winners Announced by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Madison Chapter**

Community philanthropists, companies and volunteer leaders to be honored at November luncheon presented by CUNA Mutual Foundation, Madison Community Foundation, and National Guardian Life Insurance Company

(Madison, Wis.) – Seven outstanding community leaders have been chosen as honorees at the upcoming National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon. The event, presented by CUNA Mutual Foundation, Madison Community Foundation, and National Guardian Life Insurance Company with additional support from Overture Center for the Arts, will take place on Friday, November 3, 2017 at the Overture Center in Madison. National Philanthropy Day is in its 30<sup>th</sup> year and is organized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Madison Chapter. The event brings together more than 400 guests each year to recognize the critical role philanthropy plays in our community and honor those who make a difference.

"I can't imagine a better way to celebrate philanthropy than continuing to honor those who are making such an impact in our community," says Jen Davie, President of the AFP Greater Madison Chapter. "This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event. We have a long-standing tradition of philanthropy in our community and we are thrilled to celebrate it each year."

"This year we saw a strong group of nominees who were working to accomplish a wide variety of philanthropic work in our community. It's a treasure to work and live among these amazing philanthropists. We are honored to host the award event this year and we appreciate the community's support for their nominations," said Annie Thym, the event's committee co-chair. The AFP Greater Madison Chapter is pleased to announce the names of the following seven honorees who will be recognized at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Philanthropy Awards on November 3, 2017:

**Outstanding Small Business**

Mounds Pet Food Warehouse

Nominated by: Dane County Humane Society

**Outstanding Business**

ETC

Nominated by: American Players Theatre

**Outstanding Philanthropic Organization**

UnityPoint Health-Meriter Foundation

Nominated by: Meriter's Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital

**Outstanding Fundraising Professional**

Connie Beam, Senior Advisor, Planned Giving, Wisconsin Public Radio

Nominated by: Wisconsin Public Radio

**Outstanding Individual Philanthropists**

Susan and Andy North

Nominated by: UW Carbone Cancer Center

**Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser**

Rick Langer

Nominated by: Agrace

**Lifetime Achievement**

Dale and Lila Mathwich

Nominated by: Olbrich Botanical Society, United Way of Dane County, American Family Children's Hospital & UW Health

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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 30th event for the AFP Greater Madison Chapter. The luncheon gives the entire community the opportunity to celebrate remarkable contributions—and the people and organizations making a difference—that make the Madison region so extraordinary. Learn more at [www.afpmadison.afpnet.org](http://www.afpmadison.afpnet.org).

**About the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Madison Chapter**

The Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Madison Chapter is a partnership of people and organizations devoted to advancing ethical and effective philanthropy through education, professional development, networking and outreach. The Greater Madison Chapter represents nearly 200 local professionals including fundraisers, executives, young professionals, non-profit board members and for-profit service partners. Since 1987, AFP has been honoring the spirit of philanthropy in our community by honoring local individuals and companies for their philanthropic endeavors.