



Rhode Island Chapter

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NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY IN R.I. ANNOUNCES 2007 OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIC BUSINESS

EAST GREENWICH, R.I. (November 20, 2007): The Association of Fundraising Professionals - Rhode Island Chapter (AFP-RI), now in its 26th year, announces that the Pinelli-Marra Restaurant Group was selected for the 2007 Outstanding Philanthropic Business Award and will be honored at the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI.

The National Philanthropy Day Luncheon will be held at 12:00 p.m. on November 20, 2007 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence to recognize over 100 volunteers, leaders and philanthropists statewide who give of their time, talent and financial resources to Rhode Island's non-profit agencies. The AFP-RI Chapter, which has hosted the event for the past 23 years, expects over 800 individuals from R.I. businesses, foundations and nonprofit organizations to attend.

Governor and Mrs. Donald Carcieri and Mayor David Cicilline serve as honorary co-chairs of the event. Co-chairs are David Bodah, Boys and Girls Clubs of Providence and Lisa Lydon, Mercymount Country Day School. Sponsors to date

include: Rhode Island Foundation, Bank of America, Sovereign Bank, Advertising Ventures, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Verizon, Pawtucket Red Sox, Collette Vacations, Dave's Marketplace, The Providence Journal, the Episcopal Charities Fund of Rhode Island, Sir Speedy, Rhode Island Monthly, WPRI 12, Fox Providence and NBC10.

For more information or to purchase tickets (\$45 per person), contact AFP-RI at (401) 461-FUND (3863) or email info@afpri.org.

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The Association of Fundraising Professionals - Rhode Island Chapter (AFP-RI), now in its 26th year, has over 300 members representing a broad range of local nonprofit organizations. In addition to hosting National Philanthropy Day, the chapter is involved in educational, mentoring, advocacy and outreach activities including a two-day intensive fundraising workshop and a day-long fundraising conference. Internationally, the AFP is the largest professional fundraising network in the world serving more than 26,000 members in over 170 chapters worldwide. Its mission is to foster professional growth and philanthropy through educational programs, conferences, networking, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities. In addition, AFP seeks to recognize philanthropists for their generous giving.

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