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**Association of Fundraising Professionals to Honor Nebraska Individuals  
and Organizations for Outstanding Commitment to Philanthropy  
Richard Holland to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award**

**(Omaha)** – The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Nebraska Chapter has selected three individuals and two organizations to be honored on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 for their commitment to philanthropy in the state of Nebraska.

Honorees will include Richard Holland of Omaha, who will receive the *Lifetime Achievement Award* for his lifelong commitment to supporting various causes that have positively impacted Nebraskans, including medical research and the arts. The Holland Performing Arts Center, which opened its doors in Omaha 10 years ago, was made possible in large part by Mr. Holland's philanthropy.

"Dick Holland's impact on the quality of life in Omaha and in the state of Nebraska can't be understated," said nominator Victoria Kohout, Executive Director of the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures. "Through his philanthropy his lifetime of giving will impact generations to come."

Other honorees will include Ellen Wright of Omaha, *Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser*; Chloe Higgins of Nebraska City, *Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy*; Cargill, Blair, *Outstanding Corporation*; and Lincoln Community Foundation, Lincoln, *Outstanding Foundation*.

Honorees will receive recognition at a luncheon on National Philanthropy Day (NPD), Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Hilton Hotel in Downtown Omaha. 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.

"The people and organizations that will be honored at this year's NPD event are a great representation of our state's commitment to philanthropy," said Suzanne Rogert, Chair of National Philanthropy Day and Director of Major and Planned Gifts at Children's Hospital and Medical Center Foundation. "We hope that all will

join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate these honorees and collectively recognize the importance of philanthropy in keeping our state strong.”

National Philanthropy Day is formally supported by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), an association of individuals and organizations that generate philanthropic support for a wide variety of charitable institutions. To request an invitation to the 2015 National Philanthropy Day event, or to learn more about AFP, please contact Joe Pittman, AFP-Nebraska Chapter Administrator, at (402) 397-0280 or [afpnebraska@cam-omaha.com](mailto:afpnebraska@cam-omaha.com).

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