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**Association of Fundraising Professionals of Central South Carolina  
Announces 2021 National Philanthropy Day Award Winners**

**Columbia, S.C. (November 8, 2021)** – The Central South Carolina Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) honored the finest achievements of the philanthropic community in the Midlands at the 31st Annual National Philanthropy Day on Awards Thursday, November 3, 2021 on the grounds of the historic Robert Mills House in downtown Columbia.

Philanthropy is “the love of humankind,” and National Philanthropy Day is an AFP hosted event to bring together thousands of people around the world to put that word into action. This special day highlights the changes and accomplishments - both big and small - that philanthropy makes in our society, and the AFP board and its members are honored to celebrate it locally.

The 2021 National Philanthropy Day Award recipients are:

- Outstanding Corporation | Dominion Energy of South Carolina
- Outstanding Fundraising Executive | Beth Norris Well, Vice President of Donor Relations, Communications, and Marketing for Central Development at the University of South Carolina
- Outstanding Marketing Professional in Support of Philanthropy | Cherise Arrendale, formerly with Central Carolina Community Foundation
- Outstanding Rising Star | Hannah Carnes, Resource Development Officer at United Way of the Midlands
- Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award | Kelly Hoppmann
- 2021 Outstanding Philanthropist Award - Hannah and Ron Rogers

“This special day shines a light on all those who make significant contributions to our community through their unselfish gifts of time, talent, and treasures. It is important for us to recognize those in our community who are advancing the work to make our society and world a better place,” said Megan Plott, NPD Vice-Chair and event emcee. Other



committee members included Becky Morrison, Isabel Steen, Kate Mayer, and Bethany Mueller.

For additional information and to see photos from the event, please visit <http://afpsc.net/NPD>.

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### **About AFP, Central Carolina Chapter**

The Central South Carolina Chapter represents a diverse membership of fundraising professionals who serve constituencies ranging from small to large non-profits, colleges, universities, government entities, and international organizations. We meet regularly for educational luncheon programs that satisfy continuing education requirements for fundraising professionals.

### **About Nationals Philanthropy Day**

National Philanthropy Day is a special day set aside on the fifteenth of November. The purpose of this day is to recognize the great contributions of philanthropy—and those people active in the philanthropic community—to the enrichment of our world.

NPD was originally conceived of and organized by Douglas Freeman in the 1980s, and the first official events held in 1986 after President Reagan signed the official NPD proclamation. The day provides an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of giving and all that it has made possible. NPD celebrates the endless daily contributions individuals and organizations across the world make to countless causes and missions.