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Scottsdale Leadership honors community leaders

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Being a leader in the community, is no small task. Community leaders must be strong individuals who can work towards a vision and are skilled at building consensus. Scottsdale Leadership is honoring four community leaders at its 2012 Spirit of Community Leadership Awards luncheon. The honorees and awards are: **Randy Nussbaum**, Frank W. Hodges Alumni Achievement; **Mary King**, Drinkwater Community Leadership; **Wells Fargo**, Corporate Leadership; and **Sage Knapp**, Youth Leadership.

The luncheon, sponsored by Scottsdale Insurance, APS and Arizona Lottery, is on Friday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be held at the Doubletree Resort by Hilton located at 5401 N. Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale.

The Hodges Alumni Achievement award, presented by Prestige Cleaners, commemorates Frank W. Hodges, a graduate of Scottsdale Leadership Class I, by honoring a Scottsdale Leadership alumnus who has and continues to illustrate exemplary community service and humanitarian values. Recipient **Randy Nussbaum**, has lived in Scottsdale for 50 years. A strong advocate for the arts, Nussbaum's passions also include the environment, fundraising for charitable causes and mentoring youth. Nussbaum is chair for the Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts and a member of the Scottsdale Cultural Council Board of Trustees.

Nussbaum was chair of the Maricopa County Bar Association Foundation, Citizens Chairman for Envirokids Fest, and served as a member of Phoenix Theatre Board of Directors and Scottsdale Environmental Quality Advisory Board. Nussbaum spent many years coaching little league and high school mock trial teams. A graduate of Scottsdale Leadership Class 4, Nussbaum served four years on its board. Nussbaum is a practicing attorney, certified as a specialist in bankruptcy law and also practices in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate and construction law.

The Drinkwater Leadership award, presented by Merrill Lynch, commemorates former Scottsdale Mayor Herb Drinkwater's commitment to the City by honoring a member of the community who has made a significant and notable contribution to the greater Scottsdale community. The 2012 honoree is **Mary King**. Without Mary King, STARS - Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services may not exist.

In 1973 Mary was asked to research services for disabled adults in Scottsdale. She found none existed. Not deterred, King and a handful of others created STARS. Forty years later, STARS has supported thousands of individuals to realize a level of independence and success that may not have been possible and King is still involved. She continues to serve on its board of directors, is president of the Las Madrinas (godmothers) founder committee and is one of STAR's most effective fundraisers. King's community stewardship also includes volunteering for Meals on Wheels. She has held leadership roles at her church on the Stewardship and Sunday school committees and was active in developing Scottsdale's Environmentally Sensitive Land Ordinance.

The Scottsdale Leadership Corporate Leadership award, presented by Henkel Consumer Goods Inc., honors a company that supports leadership as a key organizational philosophy. Companies eligible for this award encourage employees to become involved in community service, honor humanitarian values and positively impact the community through leadership and financial support. **Wells Fargo** is recipient of the 2012 award.

Wells Fargo employees logged nearly 100,000 volunteer hours in Scottsdale last year and they expect to surpass this number in 2012. In addition, Wells Fargo has donated \$875,000 to more than 100 schools and nonprofits in Scottsdale since 2007 and more than \$6 million throughout Arizona. Their employees serve in leadership roles with the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce, Rodel Foundation, Scottsdale Cultural Council, and Arizona Education Foundation. Wells Fargo partners with many community organizations including KTAR, Southwest Autism and Research Center, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Valley of the Sun United Way, American Cancer Society, Scottsdale Leadership, Junior Achievement and Phoenix Children's Hospital. Wells Fargo began operations in Arizona in 1858. Today, it is the third largest employer in the state and Arizona's leading financial institution in terms of deposits, SBA lending, mortgage lending and home equity.

The Youth Leadership award, presented by Scottsdale Active 20-30 Foundation, recognizes a teenager who exhibits leadership skills at school and within the community. Foothills Academy College Preparatory (FACP) senior **Sage Knapp** is the honoree.

Knapp became active in Scottsdale in the seventh grade when she joined the B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Program. There, she learned about the Friendship Circle, and in 2010 served as international volunteer vice president. At the same time, Knapp served on Peer Judiciary and spoke at both the Jewish Free Loan Anniversary Dinner and the Friendship Circle's Annual Dinner. After completing a leadership program in 2011, Knapp was determined to make more of a difference. She ran for student body president and Peer Judiciary Chief justice, and applied to be yearbook editor-in-chief. Knapp gained each of these titles and successfully fulfilled each role. Currently, she is active in the FACP Mentor Program, maintains a high GPA and is applying to colleges across the country. Knapp enjoys art, music, literature and spending time with her friends and family

Tickets to attend the 2012 Spirit of Community Leadership Awards luncheon are \$90; Scottsdale Leadership dues-paid alumni are \$75. Tickets can be purchased online at www.scottsdaleleadership.org or by calling 480-627-6710.

Editor's Note: Headshots of the award winners are available by emailing cirish@scottsdaleleadership.org

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Scottsdale Leadership is a 501(c)3 organization that develops community leaders. Since 1987, it has graduated more than 850 individuals who are prepared to take on leadership roles in an ever-changing world. Scottsdale Leadership alumni have had a significant impact on Scottsdale, spearheading preservation of open space; improving the education system; championing public art; mentoring at-risk youth; and raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities. For more information call the Scottsdale Leadership office at 480-627-6710 or visit, www.ScottsdaleLeadership.org.