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## **SCOTTSDALE LEADERSHIP CELEBRATES 25 YEARS**

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** - (March 22, 2011) – Scottsdale Leadership and the Kurt Warner's First Things First Foundation will give a \$25,000 gift back to the community in honor of Scottsdale Leadership's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The gift will be shared by STARS and The Best Buddies program.

The anniversary celebration with keynote Kurt Waner will be held at the Hyatt Gainey Ranch on April 14 at 6 pm. The dinner event offers Scottsdale Leadership supporters and guests an exclusive opportunity to interact with football legend, Kurt Warner, alongside business leaders, City officials and Scottsdale Leadership graduates.

The gift will be presented at the event to support Best Buddies and STARS. Best Buddies creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The funds will support the Best Buddies Program within the Scottsdale Unified School District. Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) provides opportunities for individuals with developmental and cognitive disabilities to achieve their highest levels of personal, social and economic independence.

"We look at this milestone year as a way to celebrate the success of our alumni and organization but also as a way to focus on the future. The financial gift to the community and an inspiring leadership message from Kurt Warner speaks to the success of Scottsdale Leadership's next 25 years," states board president Doreen Reinke.

Over the past 25 years, Scottsdale Leadership graduates have made a significant impact on the Scottsdale community, spearheading preservation of open space, improving the education system, championing public art and mentoring at-risk youth, among many other accomplishments.

Tickets are \$150; Scottsdale Leadership dues-paid alumni are \$125. VIP tickets are available for \$500 each and include a special reception with Kurt Warner and preferred seating. Tickets can be purchased online at <a href="https://www.scottsdaleleadership.org">www.scottsdaleleadership.org</a> or by calling 480-627-6710.

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Scottsdale Leadership is proud to celebrate 25 years of serving the community through its leadership development and alumni programs. Scottsdale Leadership prepares citizens to take on leadership roles in an ever-changing world. To date more than 800 graduates have been empowered to lead youth, civic, and philanthropic organizations in Scottsdale and throughout Arizona.

For more information, call Scottsdale Leadership at 480-627-6710 or visit www.scottsdaleleadership.org.