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ANNOUNCING THE ARC OF SAN DIEGO'S JEWELS OF SAN DIEGO GALA

Black Tie Event Honors Contributions of San Diegans and Benefits People with Disabilities

San Diego, Calif.- The Arc of San Diego's upcoming gala The Jewels of San Diego Gala features an exceptional evening of dinner, entertainment and dancing. The gala is being held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the US Grant Hotel located at 326 Broadway in San Diego. Reception and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

This annual black tie gala is The Arc of San Diego's largest fundraiser of the year and salutes our own local San Diegans who have made a difference through their leadership and philanthropic contributions to our city. Funds raised will benefit programs and services for people with disabilities at The Arc of San Diego.

More than 500 guests are slated to attend this gala being presented by FCE Benefits, Inc., Kaye Rose & Partners, BBT Insurance Services, The Kurtin Family, The John M. and Sally B. Thornton Foundation, and Our City San Diego Magazine. Entertainment is being provided by one of San Diego's favorite bands, The Heroes. You'll also have an opportunity to bid on wonderful items at the silent and live auctions.

Gala Chairs **John & Phyllis Parrish** are well-known for helping those in need and have made many contributions to support the less fortunate. They have put together a stellar honorary committee who are supporting the event which includes Honorary Chairs **Hon. Pete & Gayle Wilson as well as Honorary Committee Members Jenny Craig, Jeanne Jones & Don Breitenberg, Jessie J. Knight, Jr. & Joye Blount, Hon. Pam Slater-Price & Herschel Price, Dean & Susie Spanos, and John & Sally B. Thornton.** Don't miss out on what is sure to be the most exciting gala this year so buy your tickets soon. Tickets are \$200 per person and \$2,000 per table of 10 – Gold Seating, and \$300 per person and \$3,000 per table of 10 – Platinum Preferred Seating. While there are still tickets left we expect to sell out soon so don't wait to reserve your spot!

The Arc of San Diego is the largest, most comprehensive service provider for people with disabilities in San Diego County. Founded in 1951, Arc empowers people with disabilities, and their families, by working in partnership to create opportunities to achieve their individual goals within the community.

Sponsorship opportunities for the Jewels of San Diego event are still available. Please contact Jennifer Bates Navarra at (619) 685-1175 ext. 291. For ticket sales, please contact Rhonda Handy at (619) 685-1175 or rhandy@arc-sd.com. Visit our website at www.arc-sd.com for more information.

*****Photo Attached of The Jewels of San Diego Gala Committee 2010 (Partial Listing)**

Front Row (left to right): Sandra Maas and Sandy Redman

Back Row (left to right): Dianne York-Goldman, Jeanne Jones, Phyllis Parrish, Sally Thornton, and Joye Blount

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