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ANCOR NAMED TO 2010 ASSOCIATIONS ADVANCE AMERICA HONOR ROLL

Alexandria, VA, March 4—The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) has been named to the 2010 Associations Advance America Honor Roll, a national awards competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and the Center for Association Leaders of Washington, DC.

ANCOR received the award for its National Advocacy Campaign (NAC) for Direct Support Professionals (DSP). The NAC seeks to enhance the lives of people with disabilities by obtaining the resources to recruit, train and retain a highly qualified and sustainable direct support workforce. Campaign elements include annual awards for outstanding DSPs; annual federal, state and local DSP Recognition Week celebrations; and support for H.R. 868, proposed legislation to alleviate the wage crisis.

One in ten American families is affected by disabilities and all Americans face concerns about supports as the population ages and family members age. DSPs provide the supports and services that are essential to people with disabilities and others, such as older Americans, allowing them to live meaningful lives in communities and circumstances of their choosing.

"We are thrilled that ANCOR and its members are recognized for their extraordinary commitment to strengthening the fabric of our communities," stated Renee Pietrangelo, CEO of ANCOR. "To be among 24 associations to be added to the elite 2010 Associations Advance America Honor Roll, out of hundreds of entrants, is a great honor."

"ANCOR's program truly embodies the spirit of the Associations Advance America campaign. It is an honor and an inspiration to showcase this activity as an example of the many contributions associations are making to advance American society," remarked Associations Advance America Committee Chair Ping Wei, director of educational opportunities for the American Society of Civil Engineers.

About ANCOR

The [American Network of Community Options and Resources](#) is a national association representing more than 850 private providers of community living and employment supports and services to more than 400,000 individuals with disabilities. As a nonprofit organization, ANCOR successfully addresses the needs and interests of private providers, which employ nearly a half million DSPs, before Congress and federal agencies, continually advocating for the crucial role private providers play in enhancing and supporting the lives of people with disabilities and their families. Through the [National Advocacy Campaign](#), ANCOR seeks to obtain the resources to recruit, train and retain a sustainable direct support workforce.