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University Club of Washington, DC, to be Recognized as Philanthropic Leader

** Fifth Annual National Capital Philanthropy Day Recognizes Charitable
Contributions to Washington Regional Community **

Washington, D.C. - In recognition of its leadership in Washington-area philanthropy, the University Club of Washington, DC, will be honored at the fifth annual National Capital Philanthropy Day on Friday, November 3.

Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School has nominated the University Club to be awarded, in celebration of the event's "Honor Your Own" program, for working with Stokes School as its initial school partner for the DC Squash Academy. Several afternoons a week, Stokes scholars in the fourth through the sixth grade travel by bus to attend squash practice at the University Club. Under the coaching of the Squash Academy's founders Wendy Lawrence, Howard Day and former world number one player Natalie Grainger, Stokes scholars have learned the basics of squash, such as how to serve and return a ball, and have trained to increase their endurance and on court agility. Once the racquets have been put away and P.E. time is finished,

students sit down with volunteers from the University Club for small group and one on one academic tutoring.

Jo-Anne Hurlston, Stokes School's Tutoring Program Coordinator, says, "We are delighted about our partnership with the University Club. The volunteers from the University Club have been a great source of support for our students, encouraging them to find success and feel good about themselves both on the squash court and in the classroom. Our partnership with the University Club has been extremely beneficial to Stokes School. In the DC Squash Academy's pilot year, the University Club provided equipment and services valued in excess of \$70,000.00 to our school."

In addition to honoring the University Club and other Honor Your Own awardees, the fifth annual National Capital Philanthropy Day will recognize five outstanding leaders in philanthropy, including the World Bank Group; The Annie E. Casey Foundation; Julie Jensen; Sidney O. Dewberry; and Martha H. Schumacher, CFRE.

National Capital Philanthropy Day will take place on Friday, November 3, 2006, from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm at Washington, DC's Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Each year, AFP/DC organizes this event to offer participants an opportunity to come together to salute the power of philanthropy by acknowledging individuals, foundations, and corporations for their dedication to their communities.

To learn more about National Capital Philanthropy Day, visit the AFP/DC website at www.afpdc.org and click on "National Capital Philanthropy Day" in the What's New box, call 703.610.9023, or email info@afpdc.org.

About Stokes School

Established in 1998, the Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School, prepares 250 culturally diverse elementary school students in the District of Columbia to be leaders, scholars and responsible citizens. We teach children to think, speak, read, write and learn in two languages: English and French or English or Spanish. With a dual focus on academic excellence and community service, the Stokes School accomplishes its mission by creating an environment of achievement, respect and non-violence. For more information on Stokes School, please visit our website at www.ewstokes.org.

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