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## **KATY KECK RECEIVES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER LEADER AWARD**

(April 20, 2010)- Last night in Washington, D.C., during National Volunteer Week festivities, Katy Keck was named one of the ten 2010 University of Phoenix™ Volunteer Leader Award Honorees by HandsOn Network (the volunteer arm of Points of Light Institute) and the University of Phoenix. These leaders motivate others and are catalysts for change in their communities.

The award coincides with the first anniversary of the landmark Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which authorized the largest expansion of national service in America in decades. Keck receives a \$10,000 grant and has designated Infinite Family, where she serves as Chair of its Board of Directors, as the recipient.

Every child needs a mentor and Katy Keck is working hard to make that a reality. She has been

the lead volunteer for Infinite Family since its inception. With her professional background in both finance and event planning, she has produced all the organization's fundraising events. For each event she pulls together dozens of volunteers, sponsors and in-kind donors. Over the course of four years, her efforts have generated more than \$200,000 in donations. Infinite Family is an international organization that connects sub-Saharan African teens and pre-teens affected by HIV/Aids and poverty, one-on-one, with on-line video mentors from around the world.

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With an estimated 55 million youth orphaned and affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty in sub-Saharan Africa, Keck feels that Infinite Family's mission of connecting caring adults with children who often grow up alone is critical. She believes that by creating these connections, children will begin to define their lives by what they have to gain, not by what they have lost.

As a young organization, IF benefits from Keck's leadership in fundraising, developing marketing and communication tools, and her ability to recruit volunteers and mentors. Through her leadership, she has inspired her friends, family and business partners to become active change agents.

Ms. Keck, a native of Mount Vernon, Indiana and a 1977 graduate of DePauw University, received one of DePauw's Community Leader awards in 2007 and has inspired many of her friends and fellow DePauw alum to volunteer for Infinite Family as part of their community service commitment.

"I have worked with Katy on the DePauw Alumni Board Executive Committee and as an Infinite Family Board member, says Jason Asbury. "She has contributed countless hours and resources to both of these organizations, and her leadership has enriched their outreach in meaningful ways. Katy exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism as a leader."

### ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

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### ABOUT HANDSON NETWORK

*HandsOn Network, the volunteer-focused arm of Points of Light Institute, is the largest volunteer network in the nation and includes more than 250 HandsOn Action Centers in 16 countries. HandsOn includes a powerful network of more than 70,000 corporate, faith and nonprofit organizations that are answering the call to serve and creating meaningful change in their communities. Annually, the network delivers approximately 30 million hours of volunteer service valued at about \$600 million. For more information, visit [www.HandsOnNetwork.org](http://www.HandsOnNetwork.org).*