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**DEAN MEAD HONORED WITH TOP AWARD FOR 2010 OUTSTANDING CORPORATE
PHILANTHROPIST**

Fort Pierce, Florida -- Dean Mead has been named the 2010 Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Treasure Coast Chapter. The award was presented during the organization's 16th Annual National Philanthropy Day celebration on November 19, 2010 at Harbour Ridge. More than 400 people were in attendance.

Since 1990, Dean Mead has provided more than \$1.3 million in support of educational, cultural, and need-based organizations throughout the Treasure Coast. Hundreds of people of all ages have benefited from the combined efforts of Dean Mead's team of community philanthropists.

Dean Mead attorneys and professional staff have taken leadership roles with numerous local agencies including: Indian River State College Foundation, Big Brothers, Big Sisters; St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce; Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County; St. Lucie County Council on Aging; Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution; United Way; Treasure Coast Food Bank; Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County; St. Edward's School and many more.

Michael D. Minton, president of Dean Mead, says, "We are truly honored to receive this award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Community service has been a core element of our business philosophy for 30 years, which is especially meaningful during these economic times when other companies are cutting back".

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Past recipients of the award for Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist have included: Seacoast National Bank, Publix Super Markets, Northern Trust Bank, Florida Power & Light, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers, Culpepper & Terpening, Tropicana Products, Inc., Bank of America, and QVC.

About National Philanthropy Day®

National Philanthropy Day® (NPD), coordinated by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, is a special day set aside to recognize the great contributions that philanthropy and the philanthropic community have made to our world. From donors to volunteers, from international nonprofits to local community organizations, each makes an indelible contribution to our community, our nation, and our world.

First held in 1986 nationally and in 1994 locally, NPD celebrates the infinite daily contributions individuals and organizations make to countless causes and missions. NPD provides an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of giving and to recognize the significant and lasting impact philanthropy plays in our community. Today we honor the outstanding philanthropic achievements in Martin and St Lucie Counties and show appreciation for all that has been accomplished in the name of giving.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals represents more than 30,000 professional fundraisers throughout the world working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs. Promoting high ethical standards, AFP fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals. AFP members are required to abide by its Code of Ethical Principles and Standards of Professional Practice. Instrumental in the writing the Donor Bill of Rights, AFP strives to increase public awareness and confidence in non-profit charities.

About Dean Mead:

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