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**CHRIS ULRICH NAMED  
COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

**CLAREMONT, Calif.** – Chris Ulrich will be awarded The Claremont Colleges 2011 Community Partner of the Year Award on Wednesday, October 5, at the annual Town/Gown reception hosted by Dr. Deborah Freund, President of Claremont Graduate University, at the university president's home in Claremont. In nominating Chris Ulrich, Robert Walton, CEO for CUC, noted, "Chris Ulrich is well known as an educator and is recognized today by The Claremont Colleges for her significant role in establishing the Claremont Avenues for Lifelong Learning (CALL) program. Since the CALL program was established, numerous community seniors have participated along with students in courses at The Claremont Colleges."

Chris Ulrich came to Claremont in 1960 to attend Scripps College and never left. She began teaching at Condit Elementary School in 1964, and by the time she retired after 38 years with the Claremont Unified Schools District, she had also taught at Vista and Mountain View Elementary Schools. Her last 16 years were as Principal of the Claremont Adult School. She earned her Master's degree at CGU in 1969 and later completed doctoral work at ULV. She and her spouse Barry Ulrich, are long time community leaders – Barry in Noon Rotary and Chris in Kiwanis, among many other community involvements.

Chris is 25-year member of the Claremont Committee on Aging. She has chaired it twice. She also served on committees that developed the 1995 Claremont Senior Master Plan and the original Youth Master Plan (1985), and most recently the Youth and Family Master Plan. One of the 10 goals of the Senior Master Plan was to develop a Lifelong Learning Program. Five years later, the CALL Program (Claremont Avenues for Lifelong Learning) includes all 5 undergraduate schools and remains an extremely successful program. Chris was a prime mover in the creation of the CALL Program. This program has invited community seniors into selected classes at The Claremont Colleges, at no cost to the senior. The program presently includes all five undergraduate schools and is a gem in the life of programs for seniors in Claremont.

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In addition to Chris' work on behalf of seniors, she can be found at the Kiwanis Food Booth during their pancake breakfasts and Monday Night Concerts in the Park. Chris serves on the Claremont Fairplex Committee and recently completed two terms on the Board at Mt. San Antonio Gardens. She is also a Joslyn Center volunteer on Fridays where she can be found at the reception desk. Chris dons her Police uniform for her regular RSVP Tuesday duty, doing house checks and taking evidence to the Covina Crime Lab, and during Health Fairs and Flu Shot Clinics.

The Community Partner of the Year Award is given annually at the fall Town and Gown reception to recognize one business, community agency, business and/or community person who has contributed significantly during the past academic year to enhance Town/Gown relations with a special focus on students. This recognition underscores The Colleges' growing efforts to strengthen community ties, especially in the City of Claremont. The award recognizes the contributions of a community partner and encourages continued partnerships. Nominations are invited from the Presidents and other key leaders at The Colleges. The final selection is made by the Council of The Claremont Colleges.

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Claremont University Consortium (CUC) is a service company that is a national leader in providing academic and business services. CUC provides common services for The Claremont Colleges, the internationally renowned cluster of five undergraduate colleges and two graduate institutions serving more than 6,000 students. The consortium offers the expansive physical facilities and wide selection of courses, faculty, student services and extracurricular activities of a university, and the personalized education of small private colleges. The Consortium includes Pomona College (established in 1887), Claremont Graduate University (1925), Scripps College (1926), Claremont McKenna College (1946), Harvey Mudd College (1955), Pitzer College (1963), and the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Science (1997) and Claremont University Consortium (1925).

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