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CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA--- The Kiwanis Club of Claremont will be awarded The Claremont Colleges 2010 Community Partner of the Year Award on Wednesday, September 15th, at the annual Town/Gown reception hosted by Dr. Joseph Hough, Interim President of Claremont Graduate University, at the university president's house in Claremont. Dr. John Beckman, Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Administrative Officer, CUC, in nominating the club noted, "This past spring I participated in a Habitat for Humanity work session in which the Claremont Kiwanis club participated. During the work day, more than 13 Pitzer and Scripps students took part. The students were members of the Claremont College Kiwanis Circle K Club. The students' participation significantly improved the efficiency of the work crew. The students were hard workers and really enjoyed the event. The community will be significantly improved through the combined efforts of the club and these students. The event was a great example of town/gown cooperation." In addition to working with students directly for many years, the Claremont Kiwanis Club is recognized for its support of college student scholarships to many Claremont College students over the years. The Claremont Kiwanis Club has supported the youth of Claremont through sponsoring concerts in the park during the summer, numerous pancake breakfasts, sporting events at Claremont High School, reading and give-away book programs in the elementary schools, and college student leadership development through Circle K. The club members have provided countless "hands on" volunteer hours as well as financial support given to the community's youth and community based organizations in Claremont.

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 (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).