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At-A-Glance

What:

Announce 2009 Grantmakers
in Capacity Building Award

Who:

Rick Moyers, Director of
Programs at the Eugene and
Agnes E. Meyer Foundation
and MaryAnn Holohean,
Director of Nonprofit
Montgomery!

When:

Friday, July 17th, Noon –
1:30pm PST

Where:

LaQuinta Club & Resort, Palm
Springs, California

Why:

These two individuals are
champions of nonprofit
capacity building efforts, locally
and nationally.

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2009 GRANTMAKER IN CAPACITY BUILDING AWARD ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON, DC – The Alliance for Nonprofit Management is pleased to recognize Rick Moyers of the Washington, D.C.-based Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation and MaryAnn Holohean of Nonprofit Montgomery! (and formerly with the Meyer Foundation) as the recipients of the 2009 Grantmakers in Capacity Building Award.

Nominations were submitted by the Alliance's network of over 1,500 nonprofits, consultants and capacity builders. "This year's pool of exceptional candidates reflects that organizations are being very strategic in their capacity building efforts and thinking differently about how to have a greater impact on the communities we serve," said Summer Spencer, Alliance Acting Executive Director.

The Grantmaker in Capacity Building Award honors the philanthropy of a government agency, individual or organization that has supported nonprofit capacity building in a manner which has not only added to nonprofit effectiveness and community well being, but has enriched knowledge in the field of capacity building.

Ms. Holohean, who worked at the Meyer Foundation from 1994 to 2003, was the founding director of Meyer's Nonprofit Sector Fund, which includes management assistance grants, a cash flow loan program, and nonprofit sector strengthening grants. Ms. Holohean believes that nonprofit capacity building must take place at the local, regional and national levels simultaneously. She helped found the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington and Technology Works for Good, now NPowerGreater DC region. She was a national leader in capacity-building grantmaking and was a co-founder of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations.

Mr. Moyers has led the Meyer Foundation's capacity-building grantmaking since 2003, building on the program established by Ms. Holohean. During his tenure, Meyer has supported nationally significant research projects, including Daring to Lead 2006, a study of nonprofit executive leadership; Ready to Lead?, a study of next generation leaders; and groundbreaking research on operating reserves and outsourcing practices. During the combined tenure of

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Mr. Moyers and Ms. Holohean, Meyer has awarded nearly 500 management assistance grants totaling more than \$5.2 million, and an additional \$6 million for nonprofit sector strengthening and other capacity-building work.

“Receiving this recognition is a huge honor for me and for the Meyer Foundation,” says Mr. Moyers. “I’m especially pleased to be sharing this recognition with MaryAnn Holohean, since my work at Meyer over the past six years builds on the strong foundation she created as a pioneer and national leader in the field.”

Mr. Moyers and Ms. Holohean will be recognized during a lunch **at the Alliance Annual Conference, on July 17th from Noon – 1:30pm at the LaQuinta Club and Resort in Palm Springs, California.**

A description of all Alliance awards can be found at http://www.allianceonline.org/assets/library/37_alliancebestpracticesawar.doc. For more information, contact Summer Spencer at (202) 494-7374 or sspencer@allianceonline.org.

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