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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ONE announces recipients of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonprofit 'Director of the Year' Awards**

(March 29, 2012 Phoenix, Arizona) The Organization for Nonprofits Executives (ONE), serving nonprofit CEOs in the Greater Phoenix area, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 10th Annual Nonprofit 'Director of the Year' Awards. Each year the awards seek to recognize nonprofit CEOs/Executive Directors who are outstanding examples of certain principles ONE values as representations of excellence in the management and leadership of nonprofit organizations in Maricopa County, Arizona.

This year's award recipients are:

**Jon Schmieder**, President – Phoenix Regional Sports Commission; Phoenix, AZ  
*Community Partnership Award*

Jon rebranded the Sports Commission and developed community partnerships with many influential organizations which helped the organization become a driving force in the economic engine of sports tourism for Arizona. He developed a much larger collaborative board of directors to bring national and international events to Arizona and to promote area sports teams and enhance area youth sports programs.

**Phil Pangrazio**, President and CEO – Arizona Bridge to Independent Living-ABIL; Phoenix, AZ  
*Organizational Leadership Award*

Phil absolutely radiates joy when taking people on a tour of the SpoFit! With the strong alliances that were formed by Phil, this special facility was completed this past year. It will bring athletes and paralympians from throughout the country to Arizona. SpoFit and the Disability Empowerment Center are showcases for what people with disabilities can do.

**Ginger Ward**, Founder and CEO – Southwest Human Development; Phoenix, AZ  
*Leader of Distinction Award*

Ginger's dedication to the health and well-being of Arizona's youngest children is genuine and the results of her efforts have been life-changing for so many. She truly has a vision for how things should be for young children and has proven time and again that she has the creativity and tenacity to get the job done. If there is a community effort designed to address entrenched problems, Ginger is at the table.

Awards, consisting of original custom artwork, were presented to these winners by ONE President Betty Mathis and Neil Giuliano of San Francisco AIDS Foundation (keynote speaker) with the assistance of Brahm Resnik of 12 News as Master of Ceremonies. The awards were presented on the occasion of ONE's annual Nonprofit Leader Day held on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Burton Barr Central Library.

High resolution pictures of the event and the winners will be available on request.

Information about the Organization for Nonprofit Executives (ONE) can be found online at [www.oneaz.org](http://www.oneaz.org).