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**CANYON ACRES' 'COOKIE MOMS' HONORED  
BY ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS**

***Cookie Moms Named  
Outstanding Philanthropic Group at National Philanthropy Day Luncheon***

**ANAHEIM HILLS, Calif., Dec. 10, 2007** -- CANYON ACRES CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, a charity organization committed to providing homes, care, treatment and supportive services for abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children and their families, today congratulated its Cookie Moms for being named Outstanding Philanthropic Group by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). Canyon Acres' Cookie Moms received the award at AFP's annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon at the Anaheim Marriot hotel on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Over 1000 people attended this premier event.

"Our children are very lucky to have a group like the Cookie Moms in their lives," said Clete Menke, executive director of Canyon Acres. "For more than 4 years, the Cookie Moms have been baking with the children and making the Ranch feel even more like a natural home. We are very thankful to have such a warm, devoted group as part of the Canyon Acres family."

National Philanthropy Day honors the people, companies and non-profits who dedicate their lives to making the world a better place. Each year, AFP honors individuals and groups who, through their hard work and dedication, have enhanced philanthropy, their community, and the world. The Cookie Moms, a group of 10 women who come to Canyon Acres' Ranch Residential Treatment Center twice a month, were honored as

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Outstanding Philanthropic Group because of what they do to improve the lives of Canyon Acres' children. During visits, the Moms teach the children how to bake; they also help children with their homework and provide guidance and emotional support, reinforcing the basic principals Canyon Acres strives to impart to children.

The Canyon Acres Cookie Moms are: Founder Carol Hanes, Mary Lu Twill, Monica Roblee, Trish McCarthy, Jackie Warner, Shirley Cordell, Gayle Conejo, Valerie Jacobs, Allena Kaplan, Julie Hill, and Gayle Jimenez Jay.

For more information about Canyon Acres or how to volunteer, visit [www.canyonacres.org](http://www.canyonacres.org).

### **ABOUT CANYON ACRES**

Canyon Acres Children and Family Services is the only facility in Orange County or the surrounding counties serving the most severely abused and emotionally troubled children between the ages of 6-17. Since 1980, Canyon Acres has been providing the highest level of care, therapeutic treatment and most importantly a home, to children throughout Southern California who suffer from a variety of emotional and psychological disorders. Canyon Acres gives children nurturing, treatment, and opportunities that they need to grow up in safe, loving, and stable families. For more information about Canyon Acres Children and Family Services, contact Bock Communications at + 1-714-540-1030 or [canyonacres@bockpr.com](mailto:canyonacres@bockpr.com) or visit the Canyon Acres Children and Family Services Web Site at [www.canyonacres.org](http://www.canyonacres.org).

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