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### **FICP Donates \$5,051 to Neighborhood House Association**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – Nearly 180 meeting planners and hospitality professionals raised \$5,051.25 for Neighborhood House Association (NHA) as a part of the recent Financial & Insurance Conference Planners (FICP) Education Forum. This year's event, held at The Grand Del Mar in San Diego, CA, June 15-17, provided planners in the financial services and insurance industries with education and networking designed around this year's theme, *The Value of Partnerships*.

“Over the past several years, FICP has made it a priority to give back to the communities where we hold events,” said Jana Stern, 2011 FICP Education Forum Design Team Chair and Director, Conventions & Conference Planning at ING. “Corporate social responsibility activities are an integral component to our companies’ meeting programs. Incorporating CSR into FICP events not only underscores our industry’s commitment to charitable giving but also demonstrates the inherent networking and partnership building opportunities it creates.”

Attendees supported NHA by purchasing raffle tickets for a week-long dream vacation, courtesy of The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO. In addition, keynote speaker David Garibaldi, with Martin Bastian Productions, exclusively represented by PARADIGM, donated two paintings that were created as a part of his presentation. One painting was provided to NHA and the other was auctioned off at the event.

NHA is San Diego County's largest multi-purpose human services agency, helping thousands of individuals and families improve their quality of life by providing vital social services including employment, healthcare, child, family and senior services. For more than 95 years, NHA has created a legacy of improving the quality of life for the underserved in San Diego County. Today, NHA continues that proud tradition and provides much-needed services for more than 20,000 families throughout the region.

**NOTE: Check presentation photo available upon request.**

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