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**Susan Ringler named Tempe's 2009 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year**

**Tempe, AZ** – Tempe Community Council is pleased to announce that **Susan S. Ringler** has been selected as the 2009 Don Carlos Humanitarian of the Year. Presented annually by the Tempe Community Council, the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award is considered to be one of Tempe's most prestigious distinctions and honors those individuals who give back selflessly to our community. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Carlos Award Reception will take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Arizona Historical Society Courtyard. The public is welcome to attend; individual tickets are \$50, or \$80 per couple.

The Don Carlos Awards are named for Charles Trumbull Hayden, who was Tempe's founder and its first great humanitarian. Known affectionately as "Don Carlos" by the Spanish pioneers, Hayden was known across Arizona for the assistance he provided to people in need.

Sue Ringler is the definition of a humanitarian. She is embedded in the community, and serves as an advocate and provider to those in need. Once she recognizes a need, she takes action to become involved in an effort or to initiate one. Ms. Ringler was involved in the establishment of Paz de Cristo and I-HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program) and is constantly serving as an activist in pursuit of the best interests of Tempe. Currently Ms Ringler is a faculty associate with the West Campus of Arizona State University School of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation.

Accompanying the Humanitarian of the Year Award is the second annual Guiding Light – Philanthropy Award. Arte Moreno, owner of Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball team, was selected as this year's winner because he truly captures the spirit of giving. In addition to his continuous philanthropic work with the Arte Moreno Foundation, his direct contribution to the Tempe Community Foundation from the Diablo's display panel revenue will make a dramatic impact on the endowment and will impact the future of Tempe for generations to come.

Tempe Community Council will also be presenting Spirit of Tempe Karma awards to extraordinary volunteers and donors from local nonprofits. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and seating is limited. Please contact Tempe Community Council (480) 858-2307 for details and tickets.

**About Tempe Community Council**

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is connecting those in need with those who care. TCC works in partnership with the City of Tempe and community organizations to serve as a planner, advocate, and resource to improve the funding and policies impacting human services in Tempe and surrounding communities.

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