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Tanya Howe Johnson is president and chief executive officer of the National Committee on Planned Giving Inc. (NCPG), a national professional association whose individual members and 130 councils (chapters) include more than 10,000 fundraisers, attorneys, and financial advisors involved in the process of helping donors plan and make major charitable gifts.

During Ms. Johnson's 15 years as CEO, NCPG has developed the award-winning publication, *The Journal of Gift Planning*; launched LEAVE A LEGACY®, an national award-winning donor education campaign; created standards for the valuation and campaign counting of charitable gifts; issued guidelines for evaluating the use of insurance in charitable giving; promoted ethical guidelines for planned gift fundraising; and advocated widely for legislation and regulation that encourages responsible philanthropy.

Throughout her career, Ms. Johnson has served as a distinguished ambassador to the national and international philanthropic community. She has met with President George W. Bush and numerous members of Congress to discuss important laws pertaining to charitable giving, including leading NCPG's successful effort to secure passage of charitable IRA rollover legislation. Ms. Johnson served on the national advisory committee for the U.S. Postal Service issuance of the *Giving and Sharing* postage stamp. She founded the International Gift Planning Alliance, and represented NCPG at the International Fundraising Congress in the Netherlands.

In 1999 Ms. Johnson received the Association Executive of the Year award from the Indiana Society of Association Executives (ISAE). In 2004, Ms. Johnson was selected as the national honor initiate for Sigma Kappa Sorority. In 2007, she received the Professional Achievement Award from her alma mater, Columbia College (Missouri).

Ms. Johnson has been a frequent speaker for the American Society of Association Executives, as well as a speaker and trainer on both association management and philanthropic topics for a wide-variety of groups. As a management consultant, she has worked with more than 100 association and nonprofit organization boards on leadership training and strategic planning. She holds the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation, a certification held by less than 5 percent of association management professionals. She currently sits on ASAE's Key Philanthropic Organizations Committee and has served in several other ASAE leadership roles.

Ms. Johnson is a past-chair of the ISAE Foundation Board of Directors and a past member of the board of directors of the Indiana Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She has served as chair of the annual fundraising symposium for Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy and as chair of the Judging Committee for the Indiana Philanthropy Awards. Ms. Johnson actively supports philanthropy in her local community, serving on the board of directors of the Indianapolis Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer foundation, as the chair of the Noblesville First United Methodist Church Foundation board of directors, and on the facilities committee for the Hamilton County Theater Guild.

Ms. Johnson is married to Todd Cass, an architect, and has two sons. She is active in community theatre and her church, and donates her time to several organizations and community initiatives. She is a certified "bareboat" sailing captain, is a former member of the vocal ensemble *Sounds Unlimited* and is currently working on her first solo contemporary Christian CD.