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Tanya Howe Johnson is president and chief executive officer of the National Committee on Planned Giving (NCPG), a national professional association whose individual members and 128 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 17 years as CEO, NCPG has developed the award-winning publication, *The Journal of Gift Planning*; launched LEAVE A LEGACY[®], a 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 encourage responsible philanthropy.

In addition to other honors, The *NonProfit Times* named Johnson to its 2007 national "NonProfit Power and Influence Top 50." She has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, Columbia College (Missouri), and was selected as the 2004 national honor initiate for Sigma Kappa Sorority. Throughout her career, she has served as a distinguished ambassador to the national and international philanthropic community, founding the International Gift Planning Alliance. She has met with President George W. Bush and numerous members of Congress to discuss important laws pertaining to charitable giving, and led NCPG's successful advocacy effort to secure passage of charitable IRA rollover legislation. She served on the national advisory committee for the U.S. Postal Service issuance of the *Giving and Sharing* postage stamp.

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 five percent of association management professionals. She currently sits on ASAE's Key Philanthropic Organizations Committee and has served in several other ASAE leadership roles. She is a recipient of the Association Executive of the Year award from the Indiana Society of Association Executives (ISAE).

Ms. Johnson actively supports philanthropy in her local community, currently serving on the board of directors of the Indianapolis Affiliate of Komen for the Cure, and as the chair of the Noblesville First United Methodist Church Foundation board of directors. Ms. Johnson's past service includes positions 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 is married to Todd Cass, an architect, and has two sons. She is a certified "bareboat" sailing captain, is a former member of the vocal ensemble *Sounds Unlimited*, and has just released a contemporary Christian CD.