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## ACE IS AWARDED THE 2010 COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

(Washington, D.C.) Greater DC Cares – the leading, largest coordinator of volunteerism in the region – announced the ACE Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Metro Area (ACE DC) as the Winner of the Nonprofit 2010 Community Impact Award.

ACE DC was among two other finalists (Melwood and Horton's Kids) for this prestigious award, which recognizes an organization that is significantly impacting a critical community need through service, and the integration of volunteerism and partnerships. Awardees were announced at the 2010 Business & Nonprofit Philanthropy Summit and Awards; and participated in a Strategic Leaders' Roundtable panel discussion.

The Summit, in partnership with the Washington Post, was held on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Renaissance Washington Hotel. It convened business, nonprofit and community leaders from the region to collaborate, learn and connect with each other. Jim Handly, News Anchor for NBC4 WRC will serve as the Master of Ceremonies and Keynote Remarks will be given by Michelle Nunn, CEO of Points of Light Institute, and Co-Founder HandsOn Network. The event will feature leaders from several sectors, including Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr.; Verizon Vice President & Chief Policy Officer Karen Campbell; and National Capital Region Community Foundation President Terri Lee Freeman.

Greater DC Cares works with a network of more than 750 nonprofits, 17,000 volunteers and a host of corporate and foundation partners working together to positively impact the region. For more information about the organization and the 2010 Summit, visit www.greaterdccares.org.

## About the ACE Mentor Program - Washington, DC

ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering. It is a unique partnership among industry professionals, college and university representatives and professional organizations throughout the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. The ACE Mentor Program is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enlighten and increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering – as well as other related areas of the design and construction industry – through mentoring and scholarship awards. The program makes a special attempt to reach students of all demographics; and those currently underrepresented in the industry.

For more information, or for inquiries on how to become involved, contact Executive Director Trisha Grant, LEED AP at <a href="mailto:tgrantdcaffiliate@acementor.org">tgrantdcaffiliate@acementor.org</a> and/or 202.577.3028. Or visit: <a href="https://www.acementor.org/592">www.acementor.org/592</a>.

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