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**DISABILITIES ORGANIZATIONS CHIP IN FOR
AFP SUMMIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

(Washington, DC) - Organizations from across the country have generously contributed thousands of dollars to create a scholarship fund to help self advocates, family members and direct support providers attend the 2005 Alliance for Full Participation (AFP) Summit September 23-24, 2005 in Washington, DC. The AFP Summit will bring together those committed to helping people with developmental disabilities and their families realize the promise of full integration within their communities, to develop a strategic policy and social agenda for making this promise a reality.

The scholarship fund, which is currently at \$45,000 is made up of donations from Mosaic, Ride Away Corporation, The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL), and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

“The AFP is grateful to our scholarship sponsors for their financial commitment,” said Karen Flippo, executive director of National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities and chair of the scholarship committee. “The expense of attending meetings can be challenging, especially for those of limited means. I am convinced that the 2005 Summit is going to be groundbreaking because of the information shared, the networking and community building, and the action plans that will result. Because of our sponsors’ generosity, we will benefit by having as many self advocates, family members, and direct support workers as possible add their voices to the Summit.”

Over two thousand people are expected to attend the conference. The Summit 2005: *Many Voices, One Vision*, is an opportunity for all those committed to making the promises inherent in the Developmental Disabilities Act for Americans a reality to come together to dream, plan and organize around a common vision, and to create a proactive and responsive action plan for the future. To apply for a scholarship, download an application form from www.AllianceForFullParticipation.org, or call Carol Walsh at 301-706-6252 to request one.

The Alliance for Full Participation, LLC, was created by an extraordinary partnership among leading national associations within the developmental disabilities field. In a demonstration of solidarity and commitment, these founding organizations have come together to achieve a collective vision for full participation by people with developmental disabilities. Members of the Alliance for Full Participation include: American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR); American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR); The Arc of the United States (The Arc); Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD); The Council on Quality and Leadership (The Council); National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (NADSP); National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems (NAPAS); National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD); National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDS); Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE); and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP).