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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Save - a - date for the Nonprofit Roundtable on January 17, 2008
- Keynote Speaker - Jonathan Reckford, President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity International at Nonprofit Chamber Annual Luncheon!
- 106% Increase in Membership in 2007

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Jimmy Carter Endorses NPCOS Speaker



According to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, "Jonathan Reckford is a wonderful choice to become Habitat for Humanity's new chief executive officer."

Jonathan Reckford, CEO/President of Habitat for Humanity International - the seventh largest nonprofit in the nation - will be this year's keynote speaker at the Nonprofit Chamber of Service Annual Luncheon on January 31, 2008.

Reckford had an extensive background in the business community prior to his employ with Habitat for Humanity (HfH) International.

According to Carter it was his business talent enhanced with his ability "to share and demonstrate Jesus' teachings worldwide" that has helped facilitate a successful transition in HfH leadership.



Reckford's keynote presentation will focus on the necessity of collaboration in developing nonprofit services. He will share HfH's experience in cultivating community attachment that provides an enriched volunteer and donor base as well as effectively bringing various nonprofit organizations together to reach a

common objective. Recently Reckford visited Guatemala where their efforts culminated in the building of 25,000 houses.

Attendance is open to members and nonmembers alike; seating is limited. Early responses will receive preferential seating. See page 7 for further information on the Annual Luncheon.

In addition to welcoming Reckford to Wichita, the luncheon will also provide an opportunity for the community to learn of NPCOS' planned activities for 2008 and elect five new members to the board of directors. For further information on the full program, call 316.440.6744 or visit our website after January 10, 2008.

Smoking Ban Survey

Nonprofit Executives say "Ban Public Smoking"

The Wichita City Council is considering an ordinance to limit smoking in public places. According to Sedgwick County nonprofits in a recent survey, the Wichita City Council should take a lead in public place smoking that would protect the health of all its constituents. Of particular note is the importance to protect children and employees from an unhealthy workplace environment.

There is a reason why employees who clean smoking areas at airports wear space suits ... and it is not because they look cool. Working in bars and restaurants in which smoking is allowed is unhealthy and, according to 82% of the survey respondents, the citizens of Wichita should be protected from working in an unsafe environment.

Also children, according to the survey, should be protected from second-hand smoke. More often than not, children can be found residing in apartments with common hallways. According to 64% of the survey respondents, smoking in such living quarters should be banned. Additionally, 68% of respondents supported banning smoking in automobiles in which children under the age of 18 were passengers.

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NP Roundtable Leap, Don't Sleep



John Madden, author of *Leap, Don't Sleep*, will initiate the 2008 calendar of Nonprofit Roundtables for the Nonprofit Chamber of Service on January 17, 2008 from 1-3 PM. Madden is an international speaker, author, and trainer, who formerly managed multiple hotels and restaurants in Europe and the United States.

The roundtable will be interactive with Madden initially sharing some thoughts from his successful experiences and then open the discussion to all attendees. Madden has wide acclaim from both the private and public sectors for his motivational theories and humorous approach to learning. The first of our quarterly roundtables entitled "It's About People," this is a great way to start the New Year.

Making this roundtable a spectacular launch for the 2008 roundtable series is the venue, Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. January 12 is the first day that the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame will exhibit a traveling display: Nazi Olympics (1936 Olympic Games). The display will be on exhibit until April 6 and will be available to tour at no cost for all attendees at the conclusion of the roundtable.

(See Pg 7 for sign - up form)