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PADV awarded top prize for excellence

ATLANTA, November 17, 2010 – Atlanta-based Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV) was recognized by The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta with the 2010 Managing for Excellence Award. The award comes to PADV with a \$25,000 prize to support the transformation of 18,000 women and children every year through emergency intervention, violence prevention and long-term advocacy to end the crime of intimate partner violence and empower its survivors. The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta believes that effective, sustainable programs are the result of strong organizations. PADV was awarded the coveted honor based on several key factors that drive its success, including: board and staff engagement, sound fiscal health, mission driven operations and a commitment to excellence.

“We have remained strong through a challenging economic environment by utilizing effective management practices including extensive policies and planning efforts, a multi-layer fundraising program, reflective supervision and effective leveraging of partnership and volunteers,” said Cathy Willis Spraez, president and chief executive officer of PADV. “Our efforts have helped create a safer, more productive metro Atlanta,”

“We were impressed at PADV’s ability to learn, grow and adapt, especially during these challenging economic times,” says Kathy Palumbo, director of programs at The Community Foundation. “Through strong leadership and direction, the organization was able to execute a challenging capital campaign this past year, and has updated its mission to emphasize the need for increased advocacy and prevention efforts to combat domestic violence.”

About PADV: Celebrating its 35th anniversary, PADV is the largest and one of the oldest nonprofit domestic violence agencies in Georgia. Serving metro Atlanta, PADV helps to transform the lives of approximately 18,000 women and children every year through emergency intervention, violence prevention and long-term advocacy. PADV’s mission is to end the crime of intimate partner violence and empower its survivors. Visit padv.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

About The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta: *The Community Foundation connects donors, nonprofits and community leaders to strengthen the Atlanta region through philanthropy.* In 1984, The Community Foundation launched its annual Managing for Excellence Award. Each year, local organizations are invited to compete for the \$25,000 prize. This award is presented to an organization that exhibits outstanding nonprofit management. *For more information please visit www.cfgreateratlanta.org.*

About Intimate Partner Violence in Georgia: Intimate partner violence is widespread. In 2009, there were 125 domestic violence related homicides in Georgia, which was a 12 percent increase over the previous year.¹ Georgia is 10th in the nation for its rate of men killing women. There were 72,185 crisis calls to Georgia’s certified domestic violence agencies in 2009. One in four women will experience intimate partner violence.

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¹ Georgia Commission on Family Violence