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2010 INGLIS AWARDS FOR CONTINUING EXCELLENCE PRESENTED TO FIVE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Philadelphia, PA (May 4, 2010) – Inglis Foundation presented its 2010 Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence at a ceremony tonight at Inglis House. The Awards program honors the performance of non-profit organizations in the Philadelphia region that enhance the quality of life for people with physical disabilities, and by doing so support the mission of the Foundation.

Five organizations each received a \$20,000 award: American Dancewheels Foundation, Inc., HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy, Magee Rehabilitation's Wheelchair Sports Program, Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation and Quest Therapeutic Services, Inc.

According to Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence Review Committee Chairman Suzanne Rotondo, "The Awards Review Committee salutes the high caliber work and unique ways of meeting the needs of people with physical disabilities presented by this year's applicants. The winning organizations' commitment to helping this under-served population is truly impressive."

Applications for the 2011 **Inglis Awards for Continuing Excellence** will be accepted beginning mid-September 2010. Information will be available on the Inglis website (www.inglis.org/awards.jsp) at that time.

Honoree Background

American Dance Wheels Foundation, Inc. provides social and therapeutic dance instruction in wheelchair Ballroom and Latin Dancing for people with physical disabilities, able-bodied partners, dance teachers, adaptive sports professionals, therapists, universities and public and private schools. Their WheelOne[®] curriculum enables people of all ages and ability to enjoy partner dancing by pairing someone with an ambulatory disability with an able-bodied partner. (www.americandancewheels.org)

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WINNERS OF THE 2010 INGLIS AWARDS (2/2)

HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy is a day and residential school for students ages 6 to 21 who have severe, multiple disabilities usually resulting from cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury or other neurological impairment. The school provides highly individualized special education and intensive, coordinated therapy with nursing support – assisting each student in achieving his or her maximum potential by facilitating independence and improving the quality of life so they can lead fulfilling, stimulating lives in their present and future environments.

(www.hmsschool.org)

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Wheelchair Sports Program maximizes participation of people with disabilities in wheelchair sports so they can be an integral part of the greater community. More than 450 wheelchair athletes have been involved with the sports program in the past 21 years in sports such as rugby, basketball, tennis and soccer. (www.MageeRehab.org)

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation provides financing opportunities for older Pennsylvanians and people with disabilities to help them acquire assistive technology devices and services that improve the quality of their lives. PATF staff also provides information about other possible funding resources. PATF serves Pennsylvania residents, regardless of diagnosis, age or income level. (www.patf.us)

Quest Therapeutic Services, Inc., uses physical, occupational and speech therapists to provide a full range of services to help children (up to age 21) grow and develop to their fullest potential. They specialize in hippotherapy in which a client (such as someone with cerebral palsy or multiple sclerosis) sits or lies on the back of a horse for the therapeutic effect of the horse's movement.

(www.QuestTherapeutic.com)

About Inglis Foundation

Inglis Foundation works with people with physical disabilities to enable them – and the people who are for them - to live life to the fullest. All of Inglis' services and programs are designed to enable people with physical disabilities to enjoy life with the greatest amount of independence and mobility.

Inglis' community-based programs include: Inglis Housing Corporation, Inglis Adult Day Program, Inglis Community Employment Services and Inglis Care Management. In 2000, Inglis patented Drink-Aide[®], a hands-free water bottle for wheelchair users.

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