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DIVERSITY AWARENESS PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEMBER SELECTED AS DELEGATE FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

St. Louis, MO- The Diversity Awareness Partnership (DAP) board and staff are proud to announce that executive board member, Nancy Verderber Martin, was selected as a delegate by the National Council on Disability (NCD) to participate in the National Summit on Disability Policy. The Summit commemorated and celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and was held on July 25-28, 2010, at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. The NCD Summit theme was Living, Learning & Earning This cross-cutting theme was designed to launch a national dialogue on disability policies and programs in the 21st century. During the Summit delegates joined with federal partners, Congress, and disability community stakeholders to identify emerging opportunities to enhance Living, Learning & Earning by people with disabilities; establish new mechanisms to improve the coordination of disability policies, programs, and advocacy efforts; and energize collaborative networks to guide future disability policy directions.

Nancy has been a DAP Board member for six years. The Diversity Awareness Partnership (DAP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting diversity in the St. Louis region around issues of race, religion, sexual orientation, and disability. We achieve our mission through youth programs, diversity training, community forums, and diversity publications. Themed Make a Difference By Accepting Everyone Else's, DAP has become a replicable model for communities across the nation in advancing diversity and inclusion efforts. Nancy works as an administrator with the Parent Education and Diversity Awareness Program at Special School District of St. Louis County. In conjunction with ADA celebrations across the country, Mrs. Martin is one of several advisors to the Missouri History Museum regarding the upcoming ADA exhibit. The exhibit opened on Saturday, June 26th and will be open throughout the year. Disability programs will be provided during the run of the exhibit.

The Diversity Awareness Partnership (DAP) promotes the value of diversity through programs and initiatives that focus on embracing acceptance. Our vision is to become a leader of collaboration between community partnerships to promote diversity, heighten cultural awareness, and create an environment of respect and harmony for all people. For more information, visit www.dapstl.org or call (314) 436-7628.