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National Association of Professional Organizers Selects Arc of Philadelphia for its GO MONTH Project

(Philadelphia, PA, January 2007) – National Association of Professional Organizers Greater Philadelphia Chapter (NAPO-GPC) announced that it has selected the Arc of Philadelphia as the recipient of its *GO* Month project which is in recognition of January being NAPO's *Get Organized* Month. This year, NAPO, through a selection process of nominated applications, has chosen The Arc as its non-profit group and will organize their offices and the people who work there. This year's event will take place on Saturday, January 20th and Sunday, January 21st.

The Arc of Philadelphia located at 2350 W. Westmoreland Street, supports individuals with disabilities and their family members. Staffed by parents of offspring with mental retardation, The Arc of Philadelphia is one of the oldest in the nation. They provide referrals for early intervention programs and are advocates for all lifelong issues of mental retardation.

“The Arc of Philadelphia is the perfect candidate for our organization project,” notes Kathy Schlegel, NAPO-GPC coordinator for Go Month Project. “They are moving from their basement facilities to four offices on an upper floor. The space has a lot of potential and four distinct areas that we can organize so the worker volunteers will not be on top of each other, and visitors can find information easily.”

Along with cultivating comfortable work space, NAPO-GPC will set up a small lobby area with bulletin boards and photographs to welcome guests into an inviting atmosphere. There will also be a resource center complete with reading materials, a computer and television. NAPO will organize and file brochures and other printed materials into binders that will be easily accessible for anyone in need of information. The professional organizer volunteers will also develop an efficient mailing system for the group by updating and centralizing its database.

“This project will allow our Advocacy Department to become better organized and streamline many of our processes and paperwork. Therefore, we will be able to better serve people in need more efficiently,” observes Mary Jane Lovett of the Arc of Philadelphia. “We won't be frustrated anymore when we are trying to help people because we will be able to find everything we need when we need it.”

NAPO-GPC consists of many different organizational professionals throughout southern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware including organizing consultants for residential homes and office spaces, productivity and efficiency experts, life coaches, speakers, trainers and educators. For more information on NAPO or NAPO-GPC, visit their websites at www.napo.net or www.napo-gpc.org.

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