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National (USA), August 17, 2011 - Wells Fargo & Company will contribute \$10,000 to the Northwest Coalition Against Trafficking (www.NWCAT.org), an awareness and education arm of Soroptimist International Northwestern Region, in **Stephanie Smith's** honor to recognize the valuable contributions she has made to the organization, through its Volunteer Service Award program.



Sue Riney (Governor Soroptimist International Northwestern Region), Stephanie Smith, Nadine Davis Guidry and Kim Kimborowicz (Wells Fargo) presents Smith with Volunteer Service Award.

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*Improving the lives
of women and girls,
in local communities
and throughout
the world.*

Smith, a Wells Fargo Learning & Development team member, is based in Oak Harbor. Smith has been involved with Soroptimist since 1986. She has held various leadership positions, including president of Venture Clubs of the Americas where she presided over clubs in the United States, Japan and the Philippines. As a Soroptimist, she's served as president, vice president, treasurer and various committee chairs for her local club. Regionally, she's served in a variety of positions, including her current role as the region's professional leadership development coordinator and NWCAT advisory council and fundraising chair. The Volunteer Service Award will be donated to NWCAT/Soroptimist Northwestern Region for the human trafficking fund.

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“Stephanie has shown an extraordinary commitment to NWCAT/Soroptimist Northwestern Region by volunteering thousands of hours on projects related to the Soroptimist mission,” said Patrick Yalung, Wells Fargo’s Washington regional president. “Wells Fargo team members recognize the importance of supporting the health and vitality of our neighborhoods and they are sharing their time and talents to help the entire community. Their giving spirits not only help communities but also help us better determine how the company can support and enhance communities.”

In its 33rd year, the Wells Fargo Volunteer Service Award program continues to recognize and reward team members for their volunteer efforts with contributions from Wells Fargo to the nonprofit or K-12 school where they volunteer. This year, 241 team members, including Smith and eight other Washington team members, were awarded a total of \$400,000 to their organizations.

Wells Fargo team members are encouraged to nominate their co-workers or themselves to recognize the outstanding efforts of the volunteer and the nonprofit organization. Winners are selected by an internal selection committee, which evaluates the team member’s personal commitment to the organization, effectiveness of their work, and the value of their work to their community.

Wells Fargo makes it easy for team members to get involved through our *Wells Fargo Volunteers* program. In 2010, Washington team members reported 35,000 volunteer hours. They served as mentors, board members, project leaders, fundraisers, educators and more. Wells Fargo also donated \$2.5 million in 2010 to 425 nonprofits and schools in Washington. Go to www.wellsfargo.com/about/csr to learn more about Wells Fargo’s social-responsibility efforts.

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