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**ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA VOLUNTEER CAROL A. DICKERSON
NAMED DAILY POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD WINNER**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – July 17, 2007 – The **Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia** (the Council) is proud to announce that Carol A. Dickerson, recent recipient of the Arts & Business Council Business On Call Volunteer of the Year Award at the 2007 Rock the Arts awards luncheon, will receive a Daily Points of Light Award on July 20, 2007 for her extensive volunteer work through the Council's Business On Call program.

Dickerson, as environmental project manager for AstraZeneca, has devoted her career and also her free time to the environment. Dickerson meticulously maintained two miles of Tyler Arboretum's trails that meander through 650 acres of uncultivated natural areas – a system so extensive that volunteer help is critical. That level of dedication is typical of Carol, who is a four-season volunteer at Tyler.

Doing more community work had always been in the back of Carol's mind. But the idea turned into action when her company, AstraZeneca, became one of the sponsoring companies for the Business On Call program of the Council. Carol is true to her commitment and in just the past three years has contributed 281 volunteer hours to Tyler and 18 other cultural organizations across the region including the Hagley Museum & Library, Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, and the Philadelphia Zoo among many others.

"Carol represents the crème de la crème of volunteers," said Karen B. Davis, president and CEO of the Arts & Business Council. "Business On Call volunteers like Carol are incredibly valuable and demonstrate the power of an individual to make a difference in our community."

Given each weekday, the Daily Points of Light Award honors an individual that is making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others. The awards were originally instituted during the administration of Former President George Bush and were reinstated by the Points of Light Foundation, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Knights of Columbus.

About the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia, an affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and a chapter of the national Arts & Business Council of Americans for the Arts, is the region's only nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating mutually beneficial relationships between business and the arts and cultural institutions located in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and northern Delaware. Since its inception in 1981, the Arts & Business Council has partnered with the business sector to generate more than \$20 million in contributed goods and services for the region's arts and cultural institutions and has trained and placed more than 2,000 business professionals in a variety of leadership roles within arts organizations. For more information, please visit www.artsandbusinessphila.org or call 215.790.3620.

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