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**NEW JIM RAMSTAD COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER WILL BE INTRODUCED AT APRIL 18 EVENT
HONORING FORMER CONGRESSMAN RAMSTAD FOR HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Richfield, MN – The **Adler Graduate School** will honor **Congressman Jim Ramstad** and introduce the **Jim Ramstad Community Service Center** on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the **Lafayette Club** in Minnetonka Beach. The event – **“Share the Legacy”** – will begin at 6:00 PM and will feature a reception, dinner, live music and a program honoring Congressman Ramstad. **Don Shelby** of WCCO television and radio will host the evening’s program.

Congressman Jim Ramstad served with distinction in the U.S. House of Representatives for 18 years, retiring this January. Among his many accomplishments, Congressman Ramstad co-sponsored landmark legislation known as the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Parity Act of 2008. Congressman Ramstad is a long-time champion for access to mental health and addiction services and his legislation will help over 100 million more Americans gain access to mental health and addiction treatment. Consistent with this objective, Congressman Ramstad is presently working with the Adler Graduate School to develop the Jim Ramstad Community Service Center. Located in Richfield, Minnesota, the Center will offer a variety of mental health-related services for low-income, uninsured and under-insured Twin Cities residents, including counseling, family education, therapeutic child care and other services. In addition, the Center will offer the Adler Graduate School’s graduate-level training for mental health practitioners, school counselors and other human service professionals.

“Share the Legacy” – the April 18 event honoring Congressman Ramstad and introducing the Jim Ramstad Community Service Center – will include a host of civic, business and political leaders. **Wheelock Whitney** and the **Honorable Kathleen Blatz** are serving as Honorary Chairpersons, while the Honorary Host Committee includes Vice **President Walter Mondale** and his wife **Joan**, **Don Benson** and **Dr. Roberta Mann Benson**, **Duane Benson**, **Marvin** and **Betty Borman**, **Bruce Engelsma**, **Robert** and **Rebecca Pohlad**, **Wendell Maddox**, **Adler Graduate School President Dr. Dennis Rislove** and others.

The evening’s program will feature Congressman Ramstad. **Wheelock Whitney** and **David Wellstone** will reflect upon their deep friendships with Congressman Ramstad. In addition, two separate video tributes to Congressman Ramstad will be aired, including a description of his work with the Adler Graduate School in developing the Jim Ramstad Community Service Center.

Approximately 400 guests are expected to attend the **“Share the Legacy”** event at the Lafayette Club. An historic landmark in Minnetonka Beach, the Lafayette Country Club has been the site of many elegant events. **“Share the Legacy”** – and its focus on Congressman Jim Ramstad – is no exception. Highlighting the evening’s activities, a reception and live music will precede dinner with Congressman Ramstad.

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