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EEF PRESENTS FIFTH ANNUAL RAY DAVIES AWARD TO *MARY ANN DOBRAS, NANCY WOODLING AND THE STOCKER FOUNDATION*

Yearly event recognizes individuals who are committed to enhanced education for children and increased awareness of humanitarian principles

The Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF) will honor the recipients of its Ray Davies Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award during the fifth annual luncheon on October 23 at the Reid Park Doubletree Hotel. Mary Ann Dobras, Nancy Woodling and The Stocker Foundation will receive this distinguished award for their accomplishments and efforts in making Tucson a great place for children to live.

“Mary Ann Dobras, her sister Nancy Woodling and their family foundation – The Stocker Foundation – represent the true meaning of volunteerism, commitment to public education and dedication to helping Tucson’s youth be the very best they can be,” said Sally Trattner, Executive Director of the EEF. “All of Tucson’s school districts have benefited from Stocker Foundation grants and EEF is especially proud to honor this outstanding organization as part of our 20th Anniversary Celebration.”

Mary Ann Dobras has been a community volunteer in Tucson for over 30 years. She has served as president of the Sahuaro Girl Scout Council and the Educational Enrichment Foundation. Currently, she serves on the boards of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (immediate past chair), the University of Arizona Foundation, The Stocker Foundation and the advisory board for Steele Memorial Children’s Research Center and the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona.

Nancy Woodling devoted her professional life to public education. As an educator in the Tucson Unified School District she was a counselor at Ft. Lowell and Peter Howell Elementary Schools, as well as Vail and Utterback Middle Schools. Nancy retired in May 2002. Her community volunteer activities include serving on the University of Arizona College of Education Advisory Board, the Tohono Chul Park Board and The Stocker Foundation. She also served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer and education consultant.

Mary Ann and Nancy are truly remarkable women!

Tickets for the luncheon are \$45 per person, with table packages available. For more information, call (520) 325-8688.

This award was started in 1999 and is granted in honor of Ray Davies for his many notable community and education achievements. Prior recipients are Florence Reynolds, Robert Strauss, Dorothy Finley and Helen and John Schaefer.

EEF is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization established in 1983 through a grant from the Ford Foundation. The foundation’s mission is: *Providing resources to expand and enrich student learning in the Tucson Unified School District.*