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**The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation Grants \$10,000
to Emergency Assistance Program at Person-to-Person**

Darien CT, February 22, 2010 – At the end of last year, in a welcome holiday season gift, The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant to Person-to-Person in support of the Emergency Assistance Program.

One of the most critical programs at P2P, Emergency Assistance provides low-income individuals and families with food, clothing and financial assistance. “Our clients were the first to feel the impact of the recession,” says P2P Director of Social Services Marina Thomas, “and while we may be seeing some positive signs in the economy, the fact remains that our clients will be among the last to feel the benefits of any improvement.” Because the increased need is expected to continue throughout the year, the agency is very appreciative of this generosity.

The mission of the Foundation is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve quality of life and make a positive difference by designating the majority of its philanthropic dollars to Community Needs Grants for nonprofit organizations addressing community needs in one of the Foundation’s focus areas.

P2P Executive Director Ceci Maher notes that this mission aligns nicely with that of Person-to-Person. “Our programs and services are designed to help our clients achieve self-sufficiency, which improves their quality of life and ultimately makes a positive difference in those communities in which the clients live.”

“The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation is pleased to partner with Person-to-Person,” says Deborah Smith, Community Affairs Manager for the Foundation. “We are impressed with the success of their programs, and supporting their work is especially critical in this economic environment when needs are so acute.”

About Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation

The mission of The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve quality of life and make a positive difference. It is a private Foundation providing grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations to support these focus areas: Education; Community Development; Health and Human Services; Arts and Culture; Environment; Civic. Recognizing that each community has unique needs and opportunities, the Foundation designates the majority of its



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philanthropic dollars to Community Needs Grants for nonprofit organizations that have broad community support and address specific community needs, demonstrate fiscal and administrative stability and align with one or more of the Foundation's focus areas. Visit www.wachovia.com/wachoviafoundation for more information

About Person-to-Person

Person-to-Person, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, was originally established in 1968 by St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Darien. Its mission was simple: to bring together the needs of people in disadvantaged areas of nearby communities with the resources of people in Darien and the surrounding areas, thereby providing basic emergency services to low-income individuals and families living in lower Fairfield County. A volunteer-driven agency, Person-to-Person is committed to helping clients achieve self-sufficiency through practical help, advocacy, education and problem-solving initiatives. Programs include Emergency Assistance, Campership and Scholarship. In 2009, Person-to-Person helped 24,780 people avert crisis and make ends meet. These efforts are made possible by in-kind donations, a force of more than 2,000 volunteers and financial contributions. More information may be found on the web at www.p2pdarien.org or by calling (203) 655-0048.

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