

Harvard Business School Alumni Club of San Diego Awards Two Fellowships for Nonprofit Leadership in 2010

SAN DIEGO, CA – May 14, 2010 -- The HBS Alumni Club of San Diego is proud to announce the award of two 2010 Fellowships for Nonprofit Leadership to Paul Downey, President and Chief Executive Officer of Senior Community Centers of San Diego, and George Guimaraes, President and Chief Executive Officer of Project Concern International. The Fellowships provide a grant by the Club for both to attend the executive education seminar at HBS in July entitled, “Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management (SPNM).” The six-day course is an intense learning experience, designed to provide nonprofit leaders from around the world with the opportunity to sharpen the missions and leadership of their organizations with the guidance of world-class management instructors. The Club works in partnership with The San Diego Foundation to offer these Fellowships.

Serving as the President and CEO of Senior Community Centers of San Diego since 1995, Paul Downey has overseen a period of dramatic growth in the number of seniors in need of basic support services. His organization has been recognized as a model for senior care, addressing critical needs with a multidisciplinary approach, focusing on nutrition, health and wellness, and housing. Most seniors served by the organization are at the federal poverty level of income. The organization faces the increasing challenge to provide adequate services to this rapidly growing sector of the population.

As President and CEO of Project Concern International (PCI), George Guimaraes runs a global development and humanitarian relief organization. PCI, headquartered in San Diego, began providing health services in the border region between San Diego and Mexico in 1961. While still serving these same needs today, PCI has since grown to a global presence, implementing programs to promote lasting change in the health and self-sufficiency of over 5.5 million people living in acute poverty in 16 countries across the Americas, Africa, and Asia. Recognizing that issues of poor health can perpetuate poverty, PCI has developed programs such as disease prevention, improved sanitation, and economic development to address these escalating challenges.

The Club recognizes the immense need for services offered by both organizations, and is pleased to send Paul Downey and George Guimaraes to the HBS SPNM program to further advance the missions of their organizations, as well as strengthen the nonprofit sector in San Diego. For more information about the HBS SPNM Program, please visit www.hbssandiego.org, click on the Fellowship tab.