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MEDIA ALERT

Tucson Celebrates National Teacher Appreciation Week with Teacher Day at UA 'Teacher Day at UA' Presented by Tucson Values Teachers, UofA, and Champions for Change

TUCSON, Ariz. (March 24, 2011) – Educational nonprofit Tucson Values Teachers (TVT), the University of Arizona, Champions for Change and other community organizations will honor Tucson teachers and celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week at a public event across the UofA campus on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

"Teacher Day at UA," a celebration open to the public, will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30 on the University of Arizona campus. Teachers and three of their family members will receive free admission to all University of Arizona attractions including Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, Arizona State Museum, and the Museum of Art. The Center for Creative Photography, Poetry Center, UA Bookstores, UA College of Education, and Bio-5 will also be open for visitors at no cost.

In addition to an educational expo and Tucson business expo at the College of Education and the Arizona State Museum, performances, music, and activities will be available across the Mall. Additionally, the UofA Poetry Center will be hosting the Young @ Art Festival featuring performances and activities celebrating youth writing and art.

Where: The University of Arizona When: Saturday, April 30, 2011

Free: Parking and admission to museums, galleries and science centers

Sign-In: Flandrau Science Center, on the UofA campus; 1601 E. University Blvd.

More details on the event will be released in coming weeks. The "Teacher Day at UA" event is part of Tucson Values Teachers' campaign to make National Teacher Appreciation Week an uplifting, celebratory experience for all K-12 district, private and charter schoolteachers.

Follow Tucson Values Teachers on Facebook (www.twitter.com/TucsonValuesTeachers) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/Tweet4Teachers) to take advantage of these ridiculous deals at Tucson's best restaurants and stores," said Jackson.

ABOUT TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS

Tucson Values Teachers is a regional initiative determined to prove that the Southern Arizona community should not just talk about the importance of improving education, but must unify in action to retain, recruit and reward K-12 teachers. The organization recognizes the critical role of teachers in the region and value the vital influence they have on Tucson's future. For more information, visit www.tucsonvaluesteachers.org or call (520) 327-7619.