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Eddie and Nadine Basha named SVP Arizona's Social Entrepreneurs of the Year

PHOENIX, AZ (May 26, 2009). -- Social Venture Partners Arizona (SVP AZ) has named Eddie and Nadine Basha as their 2009 Social Entrepreneurs of the Year.

SVP Arizona is a venture philanthropy organization consisting of more than 100 partners. The award honors an individual demonstrating a history of pursuing strategic, results oriented approaches to social problems. Social entrepreneurs are mission-driven, resourceful and search for sustainable solutions

Eddie and Nadine Basha, grocery store entrepreneurs, were recently honored by SVP AZ for their efforts associated with the drive for excellence in P-20 education. Most recently they led the successful campaign to pass Proposition 203 to provide funding for early childhood education.

"SVP Arizona values engaged philanthropy and no one does it better than Eddie and Nadine Basha, who have contributed their leadership, time and financial support throughout the state to improve our education systems", states Dan Rigby, board chair of Social Venture Partners Arizona. "We recognize and thank them for their hard work and contributions."

This is the fourth year that SVP Arizona has presented its Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award at their annual spring meeting. Past recipients include, Jerry Hirsch, Jim and Jo-Ann Armstrong, and John Whiteman.

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Social Ventures Partners Arizona (SVP AZ) is an organization dedicated to an entrepreneurial approach to philanthropy. It offers partners an innovative way to give of their time and talents, as well as donate funds to non-profit organizations focusing on children and education. The "partners" who join SVP AZ operate like venture capitalists, providing infrastructure-building skills and resources to promising non-profit organizations. www.svpaz.org