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SNL Star to Perform at Homelessness Benefit

Los Angeles, CA, December 15, 2005—NPACH, The National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness, is proud to announce a special benefit as part of the organization's "Homelessness Isn't Funny" campaign. The event, slated for Monday, December 19 at 8PM at The Groundlings Theater in Los Angeles, will feature a performance by *Saturday Night Live* cast member Will Forte, who serves as honorary chairman of the campaign. Also appearing is Forte's performing partner Mike Schwartz (*Scrubs*) and comedian Demetri Martin of *The Daily Show*. All proceeds from the evening will support NPACH's public education, technical assistance, research, and advocacy initiatives, including its ongoing post-hurricane reconstruction efforts in the Gulf South, home to the organization's Southern Regional Office.

"We're excited about this opportunity to bring greater awareness to the issue of homelessness and housing instability in America," said NPACH Executive Director Dr. Brad Paul. "We're extremely grateful to Will for the work he's done in helping organize this event, along with Mike Schwartz and Demetri Martin for donating their talents, and to the Groundlings Theater for the venue. And we couldn't have staged this event without the generosity of our corporate partners: Carsey-Werner LLC, United Talent Agency, Anheuser-Busch, NBC, and AirTran Airways."

NPACH launched the "Homelessness Isn't Funny" campaign earlier this year as a series of comedy and music performances and public education events dedicated to increasing understanding and awareness of homelessness. Along with Forte, other comedians who are involved with the campaign include Emmy-winning writer and comedian David Feldman (*Real Time with Bill Maher*), award-winning stand-up comedian Doug Ferrari, Laura Swisher (Tech TV's *Unscrewed*), and Alex Borstein (*Family Guy*).

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 37 million Americans live in poverty, and the US Conference of Mayors *Annual Survey on Homelessness and Hunger* indicates the number of people experiencing homelessness continues to increase. Each year, an estimated 3.5 million Americans will experience homelessness, with families and children representing the fastest growing segment of the population.

NPACH's focus is to ensure that national policy accurately reflects the needs of local service providers, advocates, and faith-based organizations combating homelessness in America. NPACH works to accomplish its mission through education, grassroots organizing, research, and technical assistance to local communities.

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