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DESIGN COMMUNITY UNITES AT WILSON ASSOCIATES 2012 LOS ANGELES
POINT OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Wilson Associates honors excellence in service to the design industry and raises \$75,000 for The Wilson Foundation

DALLAS, July 6, 2012 – Wilson Associates, a global interior architectural design firm, brought together the local design community at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 27 to acknowledge excellence in vendor service and to raise support for The Wilson Foundation (WF).

“We look forward to hosting this event every year because it gives us the chance to say thank you to the unsung heroes who make our job possible,” said President & CEO of Wilson Associates, Trisha Wilson. “It also rallies the design community for a greater cause: changing lives and restoring hope in the rural community of Vaalwater, South Africa. Through The WF, we provide healthcare, education and community outreach programs that can and do change lives. Every day we are making a difference.”

This year, 200 guests attended the luncheon, which honored **Suzanne St. Clair Whitney of Wolf-Gordon Inc.** and **Rosina Jacobs and Fernando Sarthou of Hospitality Industry Partners.**

“This luncheon would not be possible without the support of our sponsors,” said Executive Director of The Wilson Foundation, John Canterbury. “We were humbled this year by the number of companies and individuals who stepped up to support Wilson Associates and The WF: Alger-Triton International, Couristan, B.S.C. Group Ltd., Lasvit, Troy & Corbett Lighting, Erika Brunson Couture Living, A. Rudin, Dr. Timothy Howard and Jerry Beale, JLF/lone meadow, Neal Menzies & Co., P/Kaufmann Inc., and TOTO.”

The Wilson Associates Dallas Point of Excellence Luncheon will be hosted at the Ritz-Carlton Dallas on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 and will also benefit the WF. The foundation accepts gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations as well.

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About Wilson Associates

Specializing in interior architectural design, Wilson Associates was founded in 1971 and today employs more than 350 professionals in their headquarters in Dallas and offices in New York, Los Angeles, Singapore, Abu Dhabi, Shanghai and an associate office in Cochin, India. Blending experience, innovation and solid business principles, Wilson Associates continually sets the design standard at some of the world's most well-known addresses. The firm creates interiors for world-class hotels, restaurants, clubs, casinos and high-end residential projects, offering a full range of design services, from space planning to furniture installation, including custom product design. Wilson Associates is consistently ranked as one of the top two firms in the hospitality design industry worldwide.

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About The Wilson Foundation

The vision of The Wilson Foundation is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged children by offering them hope for a better future. Program support focus includes improving education, offering access to health services, and providing children with a safe, nurturing environment. For more information on The Wilson Foundation's past, present and future plans for South Africa, visit www.thewilsonfoundation.org or call +1-214-521-6753 And ask for Executive Director John Canterbury.

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LA POE_Dessert: Trisha Wilson (President & CEO, Wilson Associates) serves dessert to guests



LA POE_Winners: R-L: Trisha Wilson; Suzanne Whitney (Wolf-Gordon Inc.); Rosina Jacobs (Hospitality Industry Partners); Jerry Beale (Los Angeles Managing Director, Wilson Associates)



LA POE_Guests: Jiri Vasicek (Lasvit); Dennis Hammer (Lasvit); Cheryl Neumann (Chief Operating Officer, Wilson Associates); Rod Slavicek (Lasvit); Leon Jakimic (Lasvit)



LA POE_Guests: Geoff Wallace (Design Alliance LA); Carlos Recinos (JLF/lone meadow); Steve Nielson (Design Alliance LA)



LA POE_Past & Present Award Recipients: *Front (R-L):* Andrew Thompson (Couristan); Katy Daly (Valley Forge Fabrics); Suzanne Whitney (Wolf-Gordon, Inc.); Rosina Jacobs (Hospitality Industry Partners); Sari Polinger (Sari Polinger Associates); Sandy Matthews Raczka; Marichu Celis (Marichu Celis, Inc.)

Back (R-L): Trisha Wilson; Bruce Smith (Sewelson's Carpets); Bryan Stinson (ARC); Geoff Wallace (Design Alliance LA); Rocky LaFleur (Kneedler Fauchere); Neal Menzies (Neal Menzies & Co.); Clark Scott (Alger-Triton International); Ralph Rudin (A. Rudin); Jerry Beale