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Canine Companions for Independence Appoints Executive Director

BOSTON January 12, 2012 – Nonprofit Professionals Advisory Group is pleased to announce that Barbara Barrow has been named Executive Director for the South West Region of Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) based in Santa Rosa, CA. The search was completed by Lisa Catapano, Managing Associate.

Upon earning her undergraduate degree from San Diego State University (SDSU), Ms. Barrow joined the University as Assistant Director and was later appointed as Executive Director, SDSU Alumni Association and Director of Annual Giving. She would next serve as Director of Strategic Planning and Special Projects with SDSU Research Foundation, furthering the educational, research and community service mission of San Diego State University. Ms. Barrow also served as an Executive Director with the American Heart Association with oversight for the Inland Empire and Palm Desert, CA division. In this assignment, she managed all field campaigns, mentored and developed a recruitment and development staff, and personally cultivated relationships to expand community resources.

Most recently, she has focused her efforts as a member of the United States Golfer's Association Women's Committee and has continued as a Board Director of the Women's Trans National Golf Association. Having competed as a professional golfer, Ms. Barrow brings dedication and focus, along with extensive experience in volunteer management, corporate sponsorship, strategic planning, and true passion for the power of the human-animal bond, to her new role at CCI.

About Canine Companions for Independence

Founded in 1975, CCI is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. Headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA, CCI is the largest non-profit provider of assistance dogs, and is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its dogs, and the quality and longevity of the matches it makes between dogs and people. The result is a life full of increased independence and loving companionship. Please visit their [website](#) to learn more.

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