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Minnesota Chapter

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
SELECTS MINNESOTA CHAPTER FOR AWARD**

March 22, 2010 (St. Paul, MN) -- The Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MN-AAP) is pleased to announce that it has been selected as Outstanding Large Chapter of the Year by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

The announcement was made before a large national forum of pediatric leaders at the AAP's Annual Leadership Forum, held March 12-14, 2010 in Chicago, IL.

The award is based on a written report that the Chapter submits each year to the AAP on its achievements and an oral report made by the Chapter president to a national committee.

"We have been – and always will be – committed to improving the health of children in Minnesota," said Anne R. Edwards, MD, FAAP, chair of Park Nicollet Pediatrics, who has presided over MN-AAP for the past four years. "This award is a reflection of the dedication, hard work and progress of many pediatricians along with our child advocate partners across the state."

MN-AAP is recognized for taking a visible leadership role in health care reform by supporting the adoption of health care homes for children in Minnesota, promoting newborn screening, improving pediatric oral health and raising awareness of autism, particularly within the Somali community. In addition, the Chapter partnered to advance state legislation of mandatory booster seats last year.

This is the first time the MN-AAP been selected by national AAP as Outstanding Large Chapter.

With more than 900 members, the MN-AAP is committed to improving the health of all children. For more information, visit www.mnaap.org

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