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We Share Foundation Program Receives AAA Award of Excellence

(Washington, D.C.)— The Cops ‘n’ Kids Literacy Program, an innovative project sponsored by the We Share Foundation, has recently been recognized with an Award of Excellence in the American Society of Association Executives’ (ASAE) Associations Advance America national awards competition. The annual competition celebrates outstanding programs that result in significant benefit to society through education, skills training, business and social innovation, and community service.

The We Share Foundation’s work with the Cops ‘n’ Kids Literacy program has positively impacted dozens of communities in invaluable ways. Founded in Racine, Wisconsin, in 1997, Cops ‘n’ Kids aims to connect youth with their local police forces through reading to promote literacy and foster a positive image of law enforcement in the community. As the charitable arm of Quota International, Inc., an 88 year-old international service organization that links the members of 300 local clubs in 14 countries in a worldwide network of service and friendship, the We Share Foundation has supported Quota clubs initiation of and work with local Cops ‘n’ Kids programs to fit their communities and resources while upholding the core values of literacy and police involvement.

Accomplishments include the collection and distribution of hundreds of thousands of books, the construction of reading rooms, hundreds of hours of reading aloud in local classrooms and community centers, and events ranging from book drives to awards

ceremonies. New clubs are continually adapting the program, and last year, an international version, called QuoCKa, launched in Australia.

For more information about Quota International, the We Share Foundation, and the Cops 'n' Kids Literacy Program, visit www.wesharefoundation.org or contact Nancy Fitzpatrick, Deputy Executive Director.

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