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Dallas Resident Christy Bednar Elected to Crow Canyon Archaeological Center Board

(CORTEZ, Colo.)—November 1, 2011—The Crow Canyon Archaeological Center today announced that Dallas resident Anna (Christy) Bednar was elected to the Center’s Board of Trustees. Crow Canyon is a not-for-profit research and education organization located in southwestern Colorado.

“Christy’s diverse background in development, education, and archaeology articulates perfectly with vital areas of our organization,” said Crow Canyon President and CEO Deborah Gangloff. “We look forward to benefiting from her insight and experience.”

“I was introduced to the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center by my husband, Southern Methodist University (SMU) archaeologist Fred Wendorf, and I was impressed immediately with the mission of this fine institution,” Bednar said. “By joining its board, I can become an advocate in two realms that are very meaningful to me—archaeology and education.”

Bednar is a retired development professional. She was the director of development at The Hockaday School in Dallas for 13 years, where she directed a \$50 million capital campaign. Previously, she served on the campaign staff of the Arts Council of Tarrant County in Ft. Worth, Texas, and was the public relations specialist for the United Way of Tarrant County and a grant writer and major gifts officer for North Texas Public Broadcasting in Dallas.

As a civic leader, Bednar was on the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Independent Schools Conference Committee in 1996, 1997, and 1998 and was the conference chair in 1997. She was also a member of the accreditation committee of the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest in 1998 and 1999. In addition, she is currently serving on the Combined Prehistoric Expedition Foundation board, the SMU-in-Taos executive board, and the Millicent Rogers Museum board.

Bednar attended Bryn Mawr College and holds a bachelor’s degree in ancient and medieval history from the University of Michigan. She studied Old World archaeology as a graduate student at SMU.

The not-for-profit Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, located near Cortez, Colorado, conducts long-term, multidisciplinary research into the ancestral Pueblo Indians of the southwestern United States and provides experiential education programs for adults and children. The Center also collaborates with American Indians on a wide variety of initiatives of mutual interest, including research projects, education curricula, and language- and cultural-preservation programs. Crow Canyon’s Board of Trustees is made up of individuals from across the nation who volunteer their time, talent, and resources to the Center.

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