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**PHILADELPHIA NOTABLE PAT CROCE HONORS CIVIC LEADERS
AT NATIONAL MS SOCIETY LEADERS CIRCLE AWARDS RECEPTION**
Wednesday, October 10, 6-8 p.m. at The Pyramid Club in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA: Philadelphia-area notable, Pat Croce, honorary chair of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Leaders Circle, will headline an awards reception honoring local business and civic leaders, Wednesday, October 10, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. Held at The Pyramid Club, 1735 Market Street, 52nd Floor in Philadelphia, the reception is part of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's annual Leaders Circle event, which expects to raise at least \$100,000 in 2012 alone.

The MS Leaders Circle is comprised of a group of upwardly mobile business professionals in the greater Philadelphia region who want to make a difference in their communities by undertaking a fundraising campaign to benefit local people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Since its inception, the MS Leaders Circle has raised more than \$1 million to fund research into a cause and cure for MS through the National MS Society. The program has also assisted 14,000 local people through essential services that increase the independence of people living with this disease.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that strikes people in the prime of their lives as they are building their careers and starting families.

This year, the members of the MS Leaders Circle took part in a community service project to directly assist people living with MS in this area. Leaders Circle members donated their time and experience to assist families affected by MS by participating in a program addressing the hidden effects of MS including money matters, maintaining healthy relationships and everyday living.

The group also participated in a day of service where Leaders Circle members assisted local families with outdoor projects such as mowing lawns, cleaning out yards or painting. This is especially important for people living with MS who are easily fatigued and unable to undertake such projects.

About the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

MS stops people from moving. The National MS Society exists to make sure it doesn't. We do this through our home office and 50-state network of chapters by funding more MS research, providing more services to people with MS, offering more professional education and furthering more advocacy efforts than any other MS organization in the world. Join the movement at nationalMSSociety.org or by calling 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

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