## GreatNonprofits Announces Palo Alto Has Most Top Rated Environmental Nonprofits in California

April 22, 2013, Redwood Shores, CA. GreatNonprofits today announced that Palo Alto, California has the most Top-Rated Environmental Nonprofits in the state, with four Top-Rated nonprofits. These nonprofits qualified for the status of Top-Rated based on user reviews submitted during 2012 on the greatnonprofits.org website.

"In celebration of Earth Day 2013 GreatNonprofits is focused on increasing the awareness of leading environmental nonprofits and the cities that host them. These nonprofits achieved Top-Rated status because their clients, donors and volunteers chose to review them and bestow a high rating. There are over 58,000 environmental nonprofits on our site and four of the Top-Rated are based in Palo Alto, California," said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits.

The Top-Rated Environmental Non Profits in Palo Alto, California are:

<u>Camp Unalayee Association</u>: "Camp Unalayee is a wonderful camp that introduces kids to the Wilderness. They bring kids to the mountains who have never walked anywhere there was not a sidewalk before. The provide generous financial assistance, so any child that wants to go can." 2012 Review

ACTERRA: Action for a Healthy Planet: "I originally joined Acterra because it was an environmental organization with a very local focus and I could see the results of my volunteer efforts in my community. Acterra approaches its work with scientific integrity and a healthy dose of fun - my volunteer time always feels worthwhile." 2012 Review

<u>Sunwork Renewable Energy Projects</u>: "Sunwork has contributed greatly to clean energy generation, training the green workforce, and spreading the word about improving energy efficiency as a prerequisite to installing solar PV. Staff and management are committed, educated, skilled, and passionate about the environment!" 2012 Review

<u>Environmental Volunteers, Inc</u>: "The EV organization is what every nonprofit should strive to be - effective, well-run, of highest integrity and a beloved pillar in the communities it serves. I'm always delighted to tell people about the EV's and their tireless, critically important work in teaching kids about science, the environment and conservation -- something they simply do not get otherwise in school." 2012 Review

All nonprofit donors, sponsors, clients and volunteers are welcome to review their favorite nonprofits at www.greatnonprofits.org. GreatNonprofits is currently gathering reviews for our 2013 Top-Rated Award. Reviews are due by October 31, 2013 for your favorite nonprofit to be considered for a Top-Rated Award.

Cities with the most Top-Rated nonprofits include <u>Tucson</u>, <u>Arizona</u>; <u>Palo Alto</u>, <u>California</u>; <u>Denver</u> Colorado; Boston, Massachusetts; Washington, DC; Arlington, Virginia and Seattle, Washington.

**About GreatNonprofits** 

Since its founding in 2007, GreatNonprofits has grown into the leading provider of reviews and ratings of nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. Its review methodology takes into account the diversity of the nonprofit sector by hosting reviews of groups of all different shapes and sizes and types from the smallest grassroots groups operating on the local level, to the large regional, national and international organizations. This represents the largest database of first-person stories about nonprofit organizations ever assembled -- over 140,000 reviews. These are stories submitted by clients, donors, volunteers and others who have experienced the impacts of nonprofit work up close. "GreatNonprofits focuses on helping people make great giving decisions through socially sourced feedback and reviews. Increasing the amount and quality of information available to donors will ultimately make giving easier, more effective and rewarding." (Bill Gates, Gates Foundation). GreatNonprofits is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization itself, which is funded by foundations and individuals who believe that we provide a vital resource for nonprofits, volunteers and donors. www.greatnonprofits.org.

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