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ORANGE, Calif., Dec. 2, 2006 – Chapman University's Kathleen Muth Reading Center has been selected as one of the 11 charity beneficiaries of the Third Annual Orange County Marathon, which will take place on Sunday, January 7, 2007 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Chapman's provost, Dr. Daniele Struppa, will lead the university's marathon team, made up of students, faculty and staff members, in the 26-mile race.

Since 1977, Chapman's Kathleen Muth Reading Center has been helping Orange County children learn to read and write proficiently through one-on-one tutoring. Teachers and parents around the county credit the Kathleen Muth Reading Center for helping their children reach the potential they knew they possessed. Every dollar received by the reading center goes directly to support the reading program for low income families. Chapman's Kathleen Muth Reading Center is proud to help Orange County children become effective and productive readers and successful citizens.

The mission of the non-profit Orange County Marathon is to raise money and awareness for children's charities. The Marathon's Board of Directors selects charities on an annual basis, and promotes them throughout the year in Marathon advertisements, communications, press releases, etc.

The Third Annual Orange County Marathon on January 7 will cover a 26-mile course that begins in Newport Center, adjacent to Fashion Island, and winds its way through Newport Beach, Tustin and Irvine, finishing in the Greater Irvine Spectrum area. More than 12,000 runners from around the world are expected to take part, and more than 40,000 spectators will watch the race. There will also be a half-marathon race, a 5K race and a Kids' 1-Mile Run the same day.

Visit www.ocmarathon.com or call 949-222-3327 to sign up as a runner, sponsor or volunteer. To sign on as a member of the Chapman University marathon team, contact Margie McCoy at 714-997-6692 or mmccoy@chapman.edu.

To make an online donation to the Kathleen Muth Reading Center, visit www.active.com/donate/ocreads or send donations directly to University Advancement Gift Recorder, c/o The O.C. Marathon, Chapman University, One University Drive, Orange, CA 92866.