

Media Release

07/09/2008 – ARCA Will Name New Corrales Greenhouse in Honor of Pat Kominiak

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The Kominiak Family Nurtures the Seeds of Hope and Opportunity in Corrales

Albuquerque, NM – Pat and George Kominiak moved to Corrales in 1977. Since that time, they have spent part of every day making this already enchanting village an even better place to call home. On July 9th, four generations of the Kominiak family gathered together to honor Pat with a surprise announcement. ARCA will soon break ground on the Pat Kominiak Greenhouse in Corrales.

ARCA currently operates five greenhouses on its Corrales facility at 181 La Entrada Lane. Four are dedicated to ARCA's La Paloma program, where over 15,000 Geraniums and Poinsettias are grown annually and distributed to individuals and corporations throughout the greater Albuquerque area. The

fifth one is dedicated to ARCA Organics, an entrepreneurial venture producing 7,000 units of wheatgrass and pet grass annually. The demand for these stellar products has outgrown ARCA's current capacity. The Pat Kominiak Greenhouse will allow ARCA Organics to expand its program and increase employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Kominiak family understands the entrepreneurial spirit; sons Scott and Matthew both own successful businesses in Corrales. When they learned that ARCA Organics was raising money to build an additional organic greenhouse on its Corrales site, they jumped in to help. Their only request was that the greenhouse bear their mom's name. "Mom has been involved in ARCA since the 1970's and has seen the gaps created by dwindling Medicaid and government funding. We applaud ARCA's foresight in creating a program that both meets the mission of the organization to provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and creates an innovate source of revenue to help fill the gaps," said Scott.

"The Kominiak's gift to ARCA has a definable value that is tremendous," said Elaine Solimon, Executive Director of ARCA. "It will enable us to build a new greenhouse, increase our product line and consequently our revenue stream. But it has an even greater value that is not as easy to measure. The greenhouses create opportunities for personal growth, satisfaction and accomplishment for every individual involved in the program. This gift is evident in the joy on the faces and in the hearts of the talented population we serve. This gift is priceless."

The Kominiaks have 3 children, Scott, Matthew and Tim. Scott is a founder and President of the Corrales based firm ABQ Energy Group. Matthew is the

President and CEO of MCK Investments, also based in Corrales. Tim lives with his parents and has received services from ARCA since 1977. The Kominiak family has been involved with a variety of civic and charitable organizations. Pat has served in many positions with ARCA including President of the Board of Directors, various leadership Councils and currently the ARCA Organics Leadership Advisory Council.

"Our mother spends part of every day serving family, friends, neighbors or the community at large," said Matthew. "We wanted to pay tribute to her in a way that would continue her mission of making life a little better for people on a daily basis for generations to come."

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ARCA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1957 by a group of Albuquerque families who had children with developmental disabilities. The mission of ARCA has remained consistent for 51 years: opening doors for people with developmental disabilities to be valued members of our community. For more information, please call 505-332-6803 or visit our web site at www.ARCASOpeningDoors.org.