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**Spencer Educational Foundation Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
*Foundation hosts fundraising gala September 10 in New York*

**NEW YORK (July 10, 2009)** — In celebration of its support of risk management education for 30 years, Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. announced a special fundraising dinner gala to be held September 10 at the Waldorf=Astoria® in New York City.

“It’s rewarding to build upon a legacy—and Robert S. Spencer left a wonderful legacy for the risk management and insurance industry,” says Donna L. Galer, chairwoman of Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. “The gala is an excellent way for Spencer Educational Foundation to raise awareness for and funds that support ongoing educational programs, scholarship awards and college grants.”

During the event, the Foundation will honor J. Patrick Gallagher, Jr., CEO and chairman of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., for the firm’s support over the last 18 years and RIMS Atlanta Chapter, the organization’s founding supporter.

Spencer Educational Foundation’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be chaired by Patrick Gallagher, Jr. and co-chaired by Brian E. Dowd, CPCU, chief executive officer at ACE Insurance, NA; Michael P. Fenlon, director of corporate risk management at United Parcel Service; James S. Gault, corporate vice president at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.; Michael Kerner, chief executive officer of Zurich Global Corporate, NA; Thomas Lawson, executive vice president at FM Global; Mark Willis, executive vice president at AIU Holdings, Limited; Terry Fleming, director of the division of risk management at Maryland County, Maryland; B. Scott Rich, retired, former director of corporate insurance at Flowers Foods; and Gretchen Van Parys, CPCU, general manager of risk management at Delta Air Lines, Inc.

Spencer Educational Foundation was established in 1979 to honor Robert S. Spencer, a former Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) president and champion of risk management education. Since 1980, the Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million in scholarships to students pursuing degrees in the risk management discipline and \$2.2 million in grants to universities offering programs in risk management and insurance. In 2009, Spencer Educational Foundation awarded \$180,000 in scholarships and more than \$210,000 in grants.

To request an invitation to Spencer Educational Foundation’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, please call 212-655-6223 or send an e-mail to [asabatino@spencered.org](mailto:asabatino@spencered.org). For more information, visit [www.spencered.org](http://www.spencered.org).

**About Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc.**

Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. stimulates, promotes and encourages promising undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students of risk management disciplines in fulfilling their educational goals by providing scholarship awards and educational grants. Established in 1979 to honor the late Robert S. Spencer, the Foundation is administered by its Board of Directors and is affiliated with the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) in New York. For more information, visit [www.spencered.org](http://www.spencered.org).

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