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### **AG Eliot Spitzer to Address Local Nonprofit and Charitable Services Organizations**

(BUFFALO, NY) November 18, 2004 - - The Western New York Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and the Western New York Planned Giving Consortium (WNYPGC) are hosting a presentation by New York State Attorney General Elliott Spitzer entitled "Charitable Giving Standards for Non-Profits." The sold-out luncheon event will be held on Monday, November 29th from Noon - 1:30pm at the Wick Center at Daemen College, 4380 Main Street, in Amherst.

Spitzer will discuss issues involving fundraising, non-profit governance, financial standards, and accountability. The Attorney General's office has traditionally had oversight in these areas but with the increased attention paid to the charitable practices of some organizations from telemarketing programs to the 9/11 tragedy, Spitzer has expanded the Office of the Attorney General's scope and depth of management. The Attorney General's Charities Bureau is responsible for supervising charitable organizations to insure that donors and beneficiaries of those charities are protected from unscrupulous practices in the solicitation and management of charitable assets.

"We are incredibly pleased with the response we are receiving. The event sold out quickly and we had to create a waiting list," said Tom Honan, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Hilbert College and chairperson of the event. "This is a great opportunity for professionals in the non-profit sector to hear the Attorney General's thoughts and perspective regarding issues that are critical to our operations."

The fee for the event is \$20 for members of AFP or WNYPGC and \$30 for non-members. To add your name to the waiting list please contact Brenda Schwamborn at 879-0941.

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