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Kenneth B. Shapiro Named NJSCPA Community Volunteer of the Year

ROSELAND, N.J. – Kenneth B. Shapiro, CPA, of Toms River, has been named the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) Community Volunteer of the Year for 2008-2009. Shapiro, Principal at Shapiro Financial Security Group in Hazlet, has been a member of the NJSCPA since 1982.

Logging more than 100 hours of his own time — in all parts of the state — Shapiro provided free financial advice to those coping with crisis as an NJSCPA Help Center volunteer, speaking to students on the merits of saving and other ways to stay fiscally healthy, giving free seminars to the public on such topics as “Surviving the Mortgage Crisis,” and delivering podcasts on such timely issues as “Choosing a Credit Card.” As Chair of the NJSCPA Financial Literacy Committee, he oversaw programs that helped thousands of New Jersey residents through seminars, financial and tax services and the Society’s public service website, www.MoneyMattersNJ.com.

“Ken has gone above and beyond to help make Garden State residents more financially astute,” says NJSCPA Executive Director Ralph Albert Thomas. “Ken’s spirit of giving back to the community typifies the New Jersey CPA, and we’re delighted to name him our Volunteer of the Year.”

The NJSCPA Community Volunteer Award recognizes members who have contributed their time and talents to public service through participation in the Society’s career outreach, financial literacy and public relations programs.

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Shapiro is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with the Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) designation and Certified Financial Planner (CFP). He has more than twenty-five years' experience in the public, private and educational sectors of the profession, including ten years as a college professor. Shapiro's firm offers investment management services and comprehensive fee-based financial planning and tax preparation services.

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The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, with more than 15,500 members, represents the interests of the accounting profession and advances the financial well-being of the people of New Jersey. The NJSCPA plays a leadership role in supporting the profession by providing members with educational resources, access to shared knowledge and a continuing effort to create and expand professional opportunities.

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