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## NEWS RELEASE

The Arizona-Mexico Border Health Foundation is pleased to announce that two members of its Board of Directors, Mr. Richard H. Carter and Dr. Andrew W. Nichols, were recipients of the 4th Annual Tony Certosimo Award presented by the Arizona-Mexico Commission. This award is "presented annually by the Governor of Arizona to an individual who has made significant contributions to relations between the peoples of Arizona and Sonora and who exemplifies the spirit of understanding and cooperation upon which these bonds of friendship have been built."

The awards were presented by Governor Fife Symington in memory of "Don" Antonio Certosimo, a long time Director of the Arizona-Mexico Commission. The 34-year old Commission, in conjunction with its counterpart, the Sonora-Arizona Comisión, works to foster better personal and business relations with Mexico. The awards were announced at the annual plenary reception and banquet of the two Commissions held in Phoenix on Friday, June 25, 1993. Over 800 people, including most of Arizona's Congressional Delegation and a number of state legislators, were in attendance at this historic meeting.

Mr. Carter, President of Carter Affiliates, Inc., an environmental consulting firm, also serves on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Commission, and as chairman of its environment committee. Dr. Nichols, who is Director of the Rural Health Office at the University of Arizona and a state legislator, serves as chairman of the Commission's public health committee. The two committees, in conjunction with the Arizona-Mexico Border Health Foundation, recently co-sponsored a major binational conference on Health, Industry and the Environment. Currently, they are cooperating on health and environment issues that pertain to the pending North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Arizona-Mexico Border Health Foundation was established in 1984 with the assistance of the Arizona-Mexico Commission and works closely with both Commissions in implementing health and environment programs along the U.S.-Mexico border. Currently, the Foundation is involved with a community partnership for substance abuse prevention in Santa Cruz County and is staffing binational work groups concerned with AIDS prevention, emergency medical services, and chemical disaster planning.

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