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“Saturday Night Live” Star Teams Up With National Anti-Homelessness Group

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WASHINGTON, DC— The National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (“NPACH”) proudly announces a new partnership with Saturday Night Live’s Will Forte. Forte will serve as the honorary chairperson of NPACH’s “Homelessness Isn’t Funny” campaign, a series of comedy and music performances and public education events dedicated to increasing greater understanding and awareness of homelessness.

“It’s a real pleasure to work with NPACH,” said Forte. “I believe that our partnership can help raise awareness about homelessness and highlight the important work that NPACH is doing.”

Best known for his portrayal of President Bush and Senators John Edwards and Zell Miller, Forte has also created such cult comedy characters as soft-spoken politician Tim Calhoun and “The Falconer.”

“We’re very grateful for Will’s involvement,” said NPACH Executive Director, Dr. Brad Paul. “By lending his talents to this campaign, we believe that much-needed attention can be brought to the issue of homelessness in America.”

According to the US Conference of Mayors *Annual Survey on Homelessness and Hunger*, the number of people experiencing homelessness in America increased in 2004. The fastest growing segment of the homeless population is children. And each year, an estimated 3.5 million Americans will experience homelessness.

“Homelessness devastates the lives of millions of people each year, yet it is one of the most misunderstood social and economic problems,” said Paul. “We need to increase the public’s awareness and understanding of homelessness and poverty if we are to build the popular will necessary to end homelessness in America. Our work with Will Forte and other celebrities can help us accomplish that.”

Founded in 2003, the National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness is dedicated to ending homelessness through grassroots partnerships with organizations around the United States. Its primary concern is to ensure that national homelessness policy accurately reflects the needs of local communities. NPACH works to accomplish its mission through education, grassroots organizing, research, and technical assistance to local communities.

To learn more about NPACH, please visit www.npach.org