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Grapevine Communications' Angela Massaro-Fain Accepts Appointments to Sarasota Chamber's Small Business Council and SCORE Advisory Board.

SARASOTA, FL – August 25, 2010 – Angela Massaro-Fain, President and Founder of Grapevine Communications, recently accepted volunteer leadership positions with two small business resource organizations. Beginning this fall, she will chair the Small Business Council of The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, and become a member of the Advisory Board of Manasota SCORE.

Massaro-Fain says, "I am honored to have been selected to serve in these positions. As a founder of a small business, I know that these businesses make up 99% of all employer firms in the nation. I am looking forward to contributing my experience to our local entrepreneurs. Small businesses are such a vital part of our local economy, it is imperative that we make every resource available to allow them a chance to grow and be successful."

The Small Business Council (SBC) is an advocate and resource for small business members of The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. The SBC provides workshops and seminars on a variety of small business topics geared to local issues, in addition to one-on-one counseling sessions with SCORE and the Small Business Development Centers of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota and the University of South Florida.

For 45 years, SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" has been the premier, free business counseling and advice service in the United States. SCORE is a non-profit association working in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Incoming chair of Manasota SCORE Chapter Gregory Hoffman of Hoffman Mediation states, "We are delighted to have Angela as a member of the SCORE Advisory Board. Her knowledge and commitment to small business in Manatee and Sarasota County will be a great asset to SCORE as it advances its mission to help develop and grow new businesses in our community".

Photo Caption: Angela Massaro-Fain, President, Grapevine Communications

Grapevine Communications, a full-service, award-winning Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations firm based in Sarasota and serving clients nationwide, was awarded the 2010 Frank G. Berlin, Sr., "Small Business of The Year" Award by the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. For more information on Grapevine Communications, contact Tricia Lewis at 941-351-0024 or email tlewis@grapeinc.com.

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