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MacNair Travel Management Celebrates 20th Anniversary & Recognizes Key Contributors
Anniversary Event Hosted by Alexandria's Lorien Hotel and other Suppliers

ALEXANDRIA, VA—July 30, 2009—MacNair Travel Management, a privately owned American Express Representative Office, celebrated today its 20th Anniversary and recognized key contributors at its annual summer event.

Accompanied by their staff of 50, Mike and Ellen MacNair recapped 20 years of success. It has grown to serve over 300 organizations like the US Chamber of Commerce, seven Presidential Campaigns, Federal Government Contractors, Universities, Student Groups, Law Firms and passionate vacation travelers across the Washington Area. With sales of over 50 million and close to 50 employees, it has become a major local travel brand for organizations and individuals who want global clout, high tech, and local service. In 1999 it became a privately owned and operated office of American Express. *"We are proud to have MacNair as part of our network"* said Ellen Bettridge, Vice President US Representative Network for American Express who attended the event. *"Mike is on two of our boards and he and his company are leaders in the industry and their community. Happy Anniversary."* Last year it moved to its new headquarters at 1101 King Street in Old Town Alexandria. Mike and Ellen started their business with help from Alexandria residents and travel industry veterans Ed and Karen Didion. *"Without Ed and Karen's help we could not have gotten going. From that point on we have bootstrapped this business and built it from the success of our team and the commitment of the best customers in the world"* said MacNair.

Last year alone MacNair saved their customers an average of \$89 compared to the national domestic average ticket cost and over \$1500 internationally on thousands of transactions. MacNair has won a Small Business of the Year award from the Alexandria Chamber, has been recognized by the trade association representing its industry, and by technology companies within the industry. They have been recognized and utilized as industry experts by local media (TV, Radio, Washington Business Journal, etc), as well as national media outlets like CNN, Travel & Leisure, Fortune Small Business, and more. MacNair recently published a book on the subject of managing business travel that is distributed on Amazon.com. *"Our business has changed almost completely in the last twenty years and as a team we have changed with it. We offer high tech, high touch and high value, and that is what customers are looking for in these challenging times. Advice, support, control, data, and value. My team delivers this every day and that's why our future has never been brighter."* says MacNair.

The event also marked an annual ritual whereby staff is recognized for its extraordinary efforts. Barry Salvi took home the President's Award for Employee of the year. In July he delivered the highest producing week for an agent ever at MacNair (which contributed toward MacNair having its best week ever). Viktoria Rohrbaugh was named Corporate Travel Division employee of the year, Trish Chandler was named Personal Travel Division employee of the year and Tony Torres was named Administrative Staffer of the year. Project recognition awards were also given to Dana McGinn, Omar D'Shen, JoAnn Smythe, and Rian Watson.

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