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New Award Category Created for Blytheco CEO

Laguna Hills, CA – January 20, 2009 – The *Orange County Business Journal* and California Society of CPAs created a new award this year to honor Stephen Blythe, Founder and CEO/CFO of Laguna Hills-based Blytheco, LLC. At Wednesday evening's CFO of the Year Awards ceremony, Blythe was given the **2008 CFO of the Year Community Service Award**.

The *Orange County Business Journal* (OCBJ) and the Cal Society of CPA's recognizes annually, CFOs in five categories: Public Company Award, Private Company Award, Not-for-Profit Award, Transformation Agent Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award. Blythe was among 47 nominees for those awards. The awards committee determined that his lifetime of dedication to community service merited the creation of the new Community Service award category. Winners will be listed in a special supplement to the January 19 edition of the *OCBJ*.

Blythe is active and on the board in many local and regional community organizations, like Liga International and Flying Samaritans, both serving the medical needs of the less fortunate in rural Mexico, as well as many other non-profit organizations. Community service is part of the culture at his firm Blytheco, LLC. The staff participates in monthly fundraisers for the American Cancer Society and works with many other great organizations. "I am surprised and overwhelmed to be honored in this way. I know there are many who deserve this award more than I," said Blythe. "I'm grateful for the support of my wife Kathi, and the great team at Blytheco, who enable me to follow my passions of growing a successful business and serving the community. Today, more than ever, it is important that we all give back. I encourage you to take your skills and passions and give back to people that are in need. You will not regret it – it will change your life."

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