Encore Capital Group Receives National Volunteer Community Service Award

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10 Employees Also Honored

SAN DIEGO, April 1, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Encore Capital Group</u>, Inc. (Nasdaq:ECPG), an international specialty finance company, along with 10 of its employees, have received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, a national honor that recognizes companies and citizens who answer the call to community service.

Encore achieved Silver Level status for providing 564 hours of volunteer service during 2014. As part of Encore's global Corporate Social Responsibility program, employees donate their time and talent to support Encore's target priority, economic empowerment, as well as the causes that mean the most to them personally.

The Encore employees who received the recognition, certificate, medallion, and letter from the President of the United States are: Jennifer Griffin, La Mesa, CA; Latonya Mayfield, Detroit, MI; Gary Voshol, Royal Oak, MI; Lori Maxwell, Phoenix, AZ; Pauline Ma, San Diego, CA; Sherry Houston, San Antonio, TX; Bonnie Zbaren, St. Cloud, MN; Sany Chay, San Diego, CA; Marianne Campbell, San Diego, CA; and Sheryl Wright, San Diego, CA.

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is given by the White House, Points of Light and the Corporation for National and Community Service to recognize citizens' commitment to volunteerism.

"We are honored to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award," said Marianne Campbell, Encore's Director of Corporate Social Responsibility. "This recognition exemplifies Encore's commitment to volunteering and the dedicated employees who give so much of themselves, knowing that their efforts are vital to the causes they serve."

Launched in 2013, Encore's global Corporate Social Responsibility program focuses on economic empowerment to help individuals take control of their financial futures through quality education, job training and basic support services.

About Encore Capital Group, Inc.

Encore Capital Group, an international specialty finance company with operations spanning seven countries, provides debt recovery solutions for consumers and property owners across a broad range of assets. Through its subsidiaries, Encore Capital Group purchases portfolios of consumer receivables from major banks, credit unions, municipalities, and utility providers, and partners with individuals as they repay their obligations and work toward financial recovery.

Headquartered in San Diego, Encore is a publicly traded NASDAQ Global Select company (ticker symbol: ECPG) and a component stock of the Russell 2000, the S&P Small Cap 600, and the Wilshire 4500. More information about the company can be found at <u>www.encorecapital.com</u>. More information about the Company's Cabot Credit Management subsidiary can be found at <u>www.cabotcm.com</u>. These websites, and the information contained therein, are not incorporated into and are not a part of this press release.

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