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Star Children's Charity Selects 2008 Beneficiaries

7 Collin County Agencies to receive \$1.47M in funding

Plano, Texas –Seven Collin County Agencies were selected last week as the first ever Star Children's Charity 2008 Beneficiaries and will receive a total of \$1.47M in funding. The agencies are: Boys & Girls Club of Collin County, Children's Medical Center Legacy, CITY House, Crossroads Family Services, Plano Children's Medical Clinic, Presbyterian Health Care Foundation and Samaritan Inn. The seven were chosen from a field of 28 applicants requesting over \$4.2 million for programs or projects that advance the well being of children in Collin County. The beneficiaries were chosen at the Star Children's Charity Annual Membership Meeting on January 8th.

Star Children's Charity is a new 501(c)3 fundraising organization in Collin County (www.starchildren.com) providing financial support to various Collin County agencies whose mission is to serve the needs of children. These beneficiary recipients will vary from year to year and are considered by application only.

To raise the committed dollars, Star Children's Charity members and beneficiary agencies will hold several fundraising events in 2008 including a March Fashion Event hosted by Neiman Marcus Willow Bend, an April Golf Tournament at Gleneagles Country Club and the Star Winter Ball on November 15th at the Frisco Conference Center. Individuals or corporations interested in underwriting opportunities for any of these events are encouraged to contact Linda Paulk, co-founder of Star Children's Charity and 2008 Underwriting Chairman.

"The selection of the very first beneficiaries of Star Children's Charity marks a major milestone for the organization. We are now a step closer to carrying out our vision and mission of serving the children of Collin County," says Michelle Brennan-Hall, co-founder of Star Children's Charity.

Linda Paulk, co-founder, adds: "We are thrilled to be funding a balanced slate of children's health programs, education, housing and shelter and the emotional welfare of children. The needs are so great in our community and Star is happy to be able to assist these worthy organizations meet their goals of serving the children of Collin County."

Applications for 2009 Beneficiaries will be posted on the Star Children's Charity website in June and will be due on October 1, 2008. For more information about the application process or how to be considered to be a beneficiary of Star Children's Charity, please contact Ronelle Ianace, 2008 Beneficiary Selection Chairman at beneficiaryselect@starchildren.com.