



## **The Jim Mora Count On Me Family Foundation Announces 2006 Grant Recipients**

*The Foundation Funds 21 Grants Totaling Over \$267,000 in its Inaugural Year*

ATLANTA (For release September 27, 2006) – The Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation awarded \$267,487 to 21 local charitable organizations through its inaugural grant cycle, it was announced today. The *Count On Me* Family Foundation, which supports children in need in Georgia, is the charitable foundation of Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Jim Mora and his wife, Shannon. Funds for the grant cycle were raised through the Foundation's primary fundraiser, the Jim Mora•Pulte Homes Celebrity Golf Classic.

"It was a very tough process," said Shannon Mora, Vice President of the Foundation. "Each of the applicants were very deserving, but with a limited amount of funds, we wanted to make the greatest impact we could, and these organizations were best aligned with our mission."

Special Olympics, a partner in the Jim Mora•Pulte Homes Celebrity Golf Classic, is a signature charity of the Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation. Special Olympics was selected as the tournament partner a few years ago to honor Shannon's sister, Whitney Hoon, who has Down Syndrome. Special Olympics Georgia provides year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

The following is a complete list of grant recipients this year:

American Association of Adapted Sports Programs	Gwinnett Children's Shelter
Anna Crawford Children's Center	Gwinnett Co. Special Olympics
Blaze Sports, Henry Co. Parks and Recreation	Make A Wish of Georgia and Alabama
Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta	Norcross Cooperative Ministry
Camp Horizon	North Fulton Child Development Association
Camp Twin Lakes	P.A.S.S., Inc.
CASA Georgia	Peachtree Ridge Youth Athletic Association
CHRIS Kids	Prevent Child Abuse – Rockdale
Eagle Ranch	Ronald McDonald House Charities Atlanta
Emory Lysosomal Storage Disease Center	Special Olympics Georgia
GOAL, Inc.	

The Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation, created in October 2005, is a 501(c)(3) organization which supports children in need, primarily in three target areas: children from low socio-economic backgrounds, mentally and physically-challenged children, and children at-risk. The Foundation affords children the opportunity to realize their potential and dreams by assisting organizations which help to create more stability in their lives, supporting advocacy for children, and supporting channels that allow children to have a voice. The Mora family plans to have two annual fundraisers to support their charitable giving and a full calendar of programming, including summer camps for groups to learn about life through the sport of football.

For more information on how to apply for a grant through the Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation, or to learn more about the Foundation, please visit the Foundation website at: [www.countonmefoundation.org](http://www.countonmefoundation.org).

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