



## **The Jim Mora Count On Me Family Foundation Announces 2007 Grant Recipients**

*The Foundation Funds Four Partnership Grants Bringing Two-Year Total for Giving to Over \$300,000 Locally*

ATLANTA (For release December 17, 2007) – The Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation awarded \$40,000 to four local charitable organizations through its second annual grant cycle, it was announced today. The *Count On Me* Family Foundation, the two-year old charitable foundation of Seattle Seahawks Assistant Head Coach Jim Mora and wife, Shannon, supports children in need in Georgia and Washington. Funds for the grant cycle were raised through the Foundation's primary fundraiser last May, ***The Super Seattle Send Off Benefit Bash***. The *Count On Me* Family Foundation has granted \$307,487 to 21 charitable organizations over the past two years.

"We are pleased to announce our four partner charity grant recipients this year," said Shannon Mora, Vice President of the Foundation. "It was a difficult decision making process for us, since each of the applicants was very deserving of support, but with limited funds, we concentrated on funding four key organizations we aligned with last year, continuing to build on the partnerships and programming we developed."

The following four charities received partnership grants this year: Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Camp Twin Lakes, Gwinnett Children's Shelter, and Special Olympics Georgia.

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 an annual fundraiser to support their charitable giving and a calendar of programming, including programs like the Jim Mora Flag Football League, which teaches participants at the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta about life through the sport of football.

The Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation will kick off its 2008 Fundraising Campaign with the **Third Annual Jim Mora Celebrity Golf Classic** at TPC Sugarloaf in April, benefiting the Foundation and Special Olympics Georgia. Special Olympics Georgia 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. For more information on sponsoring the event, reserving foursomes, or how to get involved, please contact Terri Grunduski, Foundation Executive Director at 404-556-3833.

For additional 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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