



The Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation Announces 2008 Grant Recipients

ATLANTA (For release December 4, 2008) – The Jim Mora *Count On Me* Family Foundation awarded three local charitable organizations grants through its third annual grant cycle, it was announced today. The *Count On Me* Family Foundation, the three-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 a local fundraiser, ***The Super Seattle Steak Out Benefit Bash*** and the *Count On Me* in Year Three Donation Campaign. The *Count On Me* Family Foundation has granted \$313,987 to 21 charitable organizations over the past three years.

The following three charities received partnership grants this year: **Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, 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 2009 Fundraising Campaign with the **Third Annual Jim Mora Celebrity Golf Classic** at TPC Sugarloaf in June, 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.

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