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## **Special Olympics Georgia Coach receives Jim Mora Coach Award**

**Aug. 28 ATLANTA--** Jim Mora's Count on Me Family Foundation recently recognized Special Olympics Georgia's (SOGA) Outstanding Coach of 2008 at the organization's annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet.

The award, given to Rockdale County coach Pam Smith, is named in honor of Seattle Seahawks Coach and former Falcons coach Jim Mora.

"The Jim Mora Count on Me Family Foundation has been a fan of Special Olympics athletes for years. Special Olympics Georgia appreciates the overwhelming belief, support and enthusiasm given by the foundation to the organization. Because of the current and past recognition given to SOGA by the foundation we have been enabled to make Georgians aware of the services that we provide year round to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, said SOGA CEO Georgia Milton-Sheats.

The Jim Mora Count On Me Family Foundation was created to support children's organizations through monetary grants primarily in three target areas: children from low socio-economic backgrounds, mentally and physically challenged, and children at-risk. Coach Mora and his wife Shannon have been long-time supporters of Special Olympics Georgia. They quickly embraced the organization as their signature charity when they arrived to Atlanta in 2003, and have been very supportive since. Over the years, the foundation has donated more than \$300,000 to Special Olympics Georgia.

Coach Smith received a letter of recognition from the former Atlanta Falcons coach and special pro sports memorabilia.

**Other Distinguished Service Awards given out were:**

**Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year:** Demetrius Griffin of Coweta County;

**Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year:** Tara Mims of the Kay Center in Peach County;

**Outstanding Local Program:** Special Pops Tennis of Fulton County;

**Outstanding Family:** Andrea and Wesley Mosley of Dekalb County;

**Outstanding Local Coordinator:** Ann Bonds of Cobb County;

**Outstanding Unified Partner:** Lee Brown of the Kay Center in Peach County;

**Outstanding Adult Volunteer:** Elizabeth Ferguson of Macon-Bibb County;

**Outstanding Youth Volunteer:** Raven Nicole Hughey of Whitefield County;

**Outstanding Grassroots Support from a Business on a Local or Area Level:** Buffalo Rock of Coweta County; and **Outstanding Organization:** CEC Health Science Class of Coweta County.

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