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**DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION HONORS
FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCH WITH ITS
SPIRIT OF HUMANITY AWARD**

TAMPA – April 22, 2004 – For nearly five decades, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch has touched the lives of more than 62,000 boys, girls and families by preventing juvenile delinquency and developing lawful, productive citizens. For the broad range of family centered services the organization provides, the DeBartolo Family Foundation is proud to honor them with the Spirit of Humanity Award and a \$10,000 donation.

Founded in 1957, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch manages four child-care facilities and two camp facilities within the State of Florida. The Youth Ranches provide residential care, camping, aftercare, independent living and alumni services. On the Ranch, the youth are provided with food, clothing, shelter, counseling, guidance and emotional support.

“We are pleased to honor an organization that has helped so many children and families in our community,” states Lisa DeBartolo, executive director of the DeBartolo Family Foundation. “Through their loving and nurturing programs, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has turned around the lives of many young people and allowed them to achieve success in their adult lives. Without these programs, these successes may not have been possible.”

The Youth Ranches also offer an award-winning program called “Project Harmony,” an innovative program aimed at building leadership qualities among middle school age students, with an emphasis on violence prevention and cultural diversity training. Additionally, the Youth Ranches offers “Harmony in the Streets,” a program that goes directly into inner-city housing projects and economically disadvantaged areas to educate youths and families about cultural differences so that possible conflicts can be resolved in a positive way.

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“We are honored to receive the Spirit of Humanity Award,” states Roger Bouchard, Jr., president of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. “The generous donation the DeBartolo Family has provided will enable us to continue on our mission, which helps youth, families and entire communities. On behalf of the Youth Ranches and sheriffs of Florida, we thank the DeBartolos for their support.”

For more information on Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, please visit www.youthranches.org or call (386) 842-5501.

The DeBartolo Family Foundation is a non-profit organization created by the members of the DeBartolo family to benefit local communities. The Foundation annually awards scholarships to deserving students, provides grants to individuals and organizations with special needs, and presents the Spirit of Humanity Award, honoring non-profit organizations that provide extraordinary assistance to Tampa Bay residents with special needs. For more information on the DeBartolo Family Foundation and its Spirit of Humanity Award, please visit its Website, www.debartolofamilyfoundation.org, or call the Foundation office at 813-964-8302.

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