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**DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION HONORS
MISSING CHILDREN AWARENESS FOUNDATION
WITH THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITY AWARD**

Tampa, Fla. (December 8, 2005) – The Missing Children Awareness Foundation, a state registered 501(c)(3) child safety charity, was established to make our community aware of the circumstances surrounding missing children, child abuse, molestation, and developing programs to prevent these problems. The DeBartolo Family Foundation recognizes The Missing Children Awareness Foundation for their commitment and tireless dedication to their foundation programs by honoring the organization with a \$10,000 donation along with the Spirit of Humanity Award.

Based in Largo, Florida the Missing Children Awareness Foundation provides many services to the community concerning child welfare, safety, and security. These programs, which include Child Identification Kits, are geared toward making the community safer for everyone and ensuring the safety of the children. These ID kits are used by parents to document their children's physical description, personal information, photograph, dental record, thumb print and DNA identification.

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“In addition to the Photo ID Kit program, one of our most popular programs that our foundation provides is The Kids Firehouse Museum,” said Maureen Gula, Director of The Missing Children Awareness Foundation. “Children touring the facility will receive fire safety information to take home with them. The purpose of the Museum is to conduct fire safety tours for elementary schools, preschools, day care centers, mom's groups, home school groups and any groups interested in touring the facility and learning about fire safety.”

“The DeBartolo Family Foundation is proud to honor The Missing Children Awareness Foundation for its dedication to these worthy causes,” said Lisa DeBartolo, Executive Vice President of the DeBartolo Family Foundation. “The Child ID Kits and Fire Safety programs symbolize solutions to an ever-increasing problem facing our society today...the safety of our children”

For more information on The Missing Children Awareness Foundation, please call (800.741.SAFE) or visit the website at www.mcafinc.org.

The DeBartolo Family Foundation is a non-profit organization created by the members of the Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. family to benefit local communities. The foundation annually awards scholarships to deserving students, provides grants to individuals and organizations with unique and special needs, and presents the Spirit of Humanity Award, honoring non-profit, grass roots organizations that provide extraordinary assistance to Tampa Bay residents. For more information, visit the foundation's website at www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com or call the Foundation office at 813.964.8302.

(Note: Attached photo: DeBartolo Family Foundation Presents Spirit of Humanity Award to The Missing Children Awareness Foundation. Shown from left: Dawn Warren, President, Missing Children Awareness Foundation, Maureen Gula, Director of The Missing Children Awareness Foundation, Lisa DeBartolo, Executive Vice President, The DeBartolo Family Foundation, and Nikki DeBartolo Heldfond, Executive Vice President, The DeBartolo Family Foundation)

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