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KID ZONE, TEEN ZONE STUDENTS CELEBRATE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

Daytona Beach, FL (May 4, 2011) – More than 300 middle and elementary school students celebrated the end of another great year in Teen Zone and Kid Zone programs, an initiative of Food Brings Hope. The students, sitting at Victory Lane, heard from Mr. Joie Chitwood, International Speedway Corporation's president. Mr. Chitwood gave an inspiring speech about how hard-work and perseverance can land each of the students in the victory lane of life! The students and attending family members were treated to track tours at Daytona International Speedway courtesy of International Speedway Corporation. The celebration culminated with dinner served in the Daytona 500 Experience Banquet Center, courtesy of Sodexo.

Forough Hosseini, founder of Food Brings Hope, together with Joie Chitwood and the principals from each school, recognized two outstanding students from each school with citizenship awards for exemplifying a positive attitude, cooperation, respect, attention to schoolwork and good behavior. They include: Stephan Symonette and Tamia McRae, Campbell Middle; Brian Dunn and Taylor Coulon, New Smyrna High; Shane Brownrigg and Katelynn Phillips, Osceola Elementary; Jamal Holmes and Kaylee Gould, Westside Elementary; and Justin Howard and Tanyah Hill, Turie T. Small Elementary.

Kid Zone programs are held after school at Osceola Elementary, Turie T. Small Elementary and Westside Elementary schools. Middle and high school students attend Teen Zone programs after school at Campbell Middle and New Smyrna Beach High schools. The programs provides tutoring programs and transportation; snack and dinner, and learning activities and trips to museums, ball games and cultural programs.

About Food Brings Hope

Food Brings Hope (FBH), a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) of the Community Foundation of Volusia & Flagler counties, was founded by Forough Hosseini, Senior Vice President of Information Systems for ICI Homes. Food Brings Hope is making real progress in breaking the poverty cycle for homeless and economically disadvantaged children by delivering collaborative solutions. Key components of this program include: tutoring programs and transportation; snack and dinner during the FBH after-school programs; and learning activities and trips to museums, ball games and cultural programs.

About the Community Foundation of Volusia & Flagler

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