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**12 COMPUTERS TO BE GIVEN AWAY
Dallas Children's Charities teams up Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Center in celebration of Juneteenth**

DALLAS, TEXAS (June 14, 2007)... On June 19, 2007, the Dallas Children's Charities will be giving away 12 refurbished Pentium computer systems each with a Microsoft Windows XP operating system including speakers and software, The time of presentation will be 2:30 PM. Participants from each of the 1-12 grade levels will compete for one computer system will be given to each grade level. The children will compete with verbal questions on a number of topics at their grade level to win a computer. Additionally, a pair of designer sunglasses will be given with each computer because "their future is so bright." The day will be filled with activities including reading and issuing library cards to every child.

The students will receive their computers at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center (2922 MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Dallas, Texas 75215) on June 19 with the celebration of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Dallas Children's Charities will be giving the computers away at 2:30 PM.

The Center's director Patrick Jackson, stated that many of the students only use a computer during the school year. To have a computer at home offers tremendous opportunities, especially during the summer months, not only for the child but as well for the rest of their family. Crane stated, "the computers are keys to these children's future that will open many doors."

Although issued on January 1, 1863, word of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation didn't reach Texas for two and a half years, with the arrival of Union soldiers on June 19, 1865. Further, it wasn't until June 3, 1979, that Texas became the first state to proclaim Emancipation Day an official state holiday. It is a day for all Americans to celebrate and rejoice in their freedom. Over 2000 children are expected.

Steve Crane will be presenting the computers, sunglasses at the presentation of awards on the main stage at 2:30 PM. The other festivities will be from 1 PM to 6PM on the center's grounds.

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(Note to Editors: For photo or interview opportunities or to RSVP to this event - please contact Jo Trizila at 214-232-0078)

The Dallas Margarita Society, Inc., (d.b.a. Dallas Children's Charities) was formed in 1977 when a small group of business acquaintances decided to host a holiday party for associates and friends, and asked their guests to bring Christmas gifts for less fortunate children. The Society is a non-profit charitable organization whose goals are twofold. The first is to provide disadvantaged Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex children with gifts at Christmas time and the second is to help those community organizations that work directly with underprivileged children throughout the year. Their Charity Ball has grown over the years and is now believed to be the largest annual invitation only charity black tie gala in the world, with over 10,000 guests, providing gifts for more than 6,800 disadvantaged children each year.

The Dallas Margarita Society achieves its goals by hosting fundraising happy hours throughout the year, an annual golf tournament in early summer and the Charity Ball early in the holiday season. At the Ball, guests are encouraged to bring toys or sponsor gifts with cash. Additionally, sponsors are solicited and through their generosity the Society provides operating support and scholarships to numerous community organizations. In 2006, The Dallas Margarita Society/Dallas Children's Charities collected over \$405,000 in toys and cash in conjunction with over \$175,000 in corporate and individual sponsorship donations. All fund-raising activities and events are donated to local DFW children's charities.

Over the past 31 years, the community impact generated by the activities and fund raising events of the DMS/DCC continues to prove every year that harnessing the charitable spirit of a few friends can be directed to reach out and truly "lift up" thousands of kids in need.