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“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” Family in Gainesville Receives Donation for Non-Profit Music School

Gainesville, FL (December 15, 2009) – Students at Studio Percussion, the non-profit music studio founded by the Wagstaff family to give at-risk youth access to music lessons, received computers and printers today from the Foundation for Florida Virtual School (FLVS). The philanthropic arm of the Florida Virtual School strives to ensure all students have access to world-class education and quality online learning opportunities that prepare them for a lifetime for success. Volunteers from FLVS learned about the need for the equipment while working on the Wagstaff’s house as part of ABC’s ‘Extreme Makeover: Home Edition’ in Gainesville, FL.

“Florida Virtual School is committed to serving the needs of all students. When we heard that the students at Studio Percussion would benefit by having access to online courses before and after their music lessons, we wanted to help,” stated Bob Muni, chairman of the board of Florida Virtual School. “Our contribution will allow hundreds of Gainesville students to master their core academic skills while pursuing their passion for music.”

Beyond the donation announced today, teams of public school teachers from Florida Virtual School volunteered for the graveyard – the midnight to morning – shift every night during ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” build in Gainesville, FL. Over the course of the week, more than 30 FLVS teachers volunteered at the construction site.

“There is no doubt that our teachers are devoted to building a stronger Florida. I am truly honored to work with such a dedicated team of educators, who have

volunteered their time to build a brighter future for this family,” said Julie Young, co-founder, president and chief executive officer of Florida Virtual School.

As the statewide public virtual school, FLVS offers all students – public, private and home educated – access to a 21st Century learning environment. FLVS provides students with the opportunity to enroll in over 100 online courses. State and subject-certified teachers ensure students master content and concepts while developing the skills necessary for college and the 21st Century global marketplace. With more than 13 years of experience, FLVS is recognized nationally as the leader in K-12 online learning.

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About ABC-TVs “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition”

The Emmy award winning reality program “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” now in its 7th season, is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. It’s executive-produced by Anthony Dominici. David Goldberg is Chairman, Endemol North America. The show airs **Sundays from 8:00-9:00 p.m., ET on ABC.**

About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (www.flvs.net) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual K-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the U.S., and the world. A nationally-recognized e-Learning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country’s first, state-wide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades K-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs.

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