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FLVS Students Receive Award from Alonzo Mourning at Zo's Summer Groove

*New Community Service Challenge – On The Move To Improve –
Draws Over 100 Entries*

(Orlando, FL) – Four Jacksonville students who have taken courses with Florida Virtual School (FLVS) were recognized for their commitment to community empowerment during the NBA All-Star basketball game at the 11th Annual Zo's Summer Groove (ZSG). Jewel Jackson, Tyrese and Earnest Gamble, and Travis Cabb received the 2007 On the Move to Improve award with ZSG for their computer donation project.

This year, the Alonzo Mourning Charities (AMC) and FLVS launched an innovative state-wide community service challenge – On the Move to Improve with ZSG –that offered students a unique opportunity to create a project that would positively impact the lives of children and families living in their communities.

"Learning is a continual process. Once again I am reminded of how creative and committed students are when presented with a tremendous opportunity. I applaud all those students who participated in this year's challenge and look forward to growing the challenge in coming years," said FLVS President and CEO Julie Young.

Launched in May of 2007, the competition drew over 100 entries from middle and high school students from around the state. Over six weeks, student teams held Lego

engineering camps, recorded books on tape for hospitalized kids, collected shoes for children in Africa, offered literacy programs, and reached out to children and families with special needs. At the end teams submitted project portfolios that were reviewed and judged to determine which team had the greatest impact on children and families in their communities.

The winning team – a group of two middle school and two high school students from Jacksonville – received the top award for their computer donation project. The team – officially named S.O.T.M. (Students On The Move) – learned how to completely refurbish computers. They stripped the systems, rebuilt them, created a simple manual on how to operate the machines, and then donated them to community organizations -- Northwest Behavioral Health and Harold House Apartments. The students won an all-expense-paid trip to Miami where Alonzo Mourning and Julie Young presented them with an award during third quarter of the NBA All-Star basketball game.

In the spirit of community building, FLVS donated a number of ZSG tickets to 4Kids of South Florida (www.4kidsofsfl.org), a non-profit organization that serves the needs of foster children and teens and provides support and training for foster-families. “During the school year, we support a number of foster children through our online courses. We really wanted to give them an opportunity to celebrate this exciting community empowerment event with us and were pleased so many of the students were able to join us,” said Michelle Kinley, Student Outreach Liaison, FLVS.

Zo’s Summer Groove (ZSG) is an annual five-day fun-filled community event held each year in Miami. ZSG, Alonzo Mourning Charities’ largest fundraising event, appeals to a diverse audience by offering a variety of events. ZSG motivates community involvement by encouraging event participants to enjoy a weekend that ultimately benefits South Florida’s youth of promise.

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About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (www.flvs.net) is a nationally recognized e-Learning model for developing and providing virtual K-12 education solutions to students throughout the country. Founded in 1997 as a pilot project, FLVS began course development with limited enrollment, pioneering Florida’s first Internet-based, public high school—complete with online middle and high school curriculum. Today, FLVS serves schools

across the nation, offering virtual education solutions for grades 6 to 12, as well as for adults seeking GED alternatives.