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PHOTO CAPTION: L to R: Stephanie Seibel, Executive Director, Achievement Centers Foundation, Tina Snider, Marketing Director, Achievement Centers Foundation, Karen Doyle, Store Team Leader, Whole Foods Market, and Kristin Bagonis, Marketing & Community Relations, Whole Foods Market

PHOTO CAPTION: To thank shoppers for supporting the Achievement Centers on the 5% Day at Whole Foods Market in Boca Raton, the Centers' Chorus Group performed for a captive audience.

PHOTO CAPTION (IMG 1241): Zhane Johnson, a 5th grader, performs for shoppers at Whole Foods Market. The Achievement Centers' Creative Dance Group brought the store to a standstill as they danced in front of a captive audience. Zhane is a student in the extended day program at the Achievement Centers' Beacon Center.

5% DAY AT WHOLE FOODS MARKET GENERATES \$6,735 DONATION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS

DELRAY BEACH, FL (January 15, 2009) – November 11, 2008 marked a day of giving back to the community at Whole Foods Market in Boca Raton. The grocer hosted their quarterly 5% Day which donates 5% of net sales on a selected day to a local nonprofit organization. As the recipient of the 5% Day, the Achievement Centers for Children & Families received a generous donation of \$6,735.

Staff from the Achievement Centers told their friends, families, and supporters to visit the Whole Foods Market on that day. Numerous volunteers were on hand to showcase the agency and thank customers for shopping and supporting a local community organization. The store came to a standstill when the Chorus Group and Creative Dance Team from the Achievement Centers entertained shoppers as they sang and performed.

The American Heritage School in Delray Beach also got their students involved by offering community service hours for students if their families shopped on that day to support the Achievement Centers. "Many families came out and shopped knowing they were supporting a worthy cause," comments Beverly Ouckama, Guidance Coordinator at American Heritage School. "It's an excellent way to teach our students about cooperative community outreach and the nonprofit organizations that support our community."

"We are extremely grateful to Whole Foods Market for their generous donation," comments Tina Snider, Marketing Director of the Achievement Centers Foundation. "We are a stabilizing force for many low-income families. Especially now in this economy, families rely on our programs and services. Whole Foods Market's contribution will touch the children and families we support."

"Whole Foods Market team members are part of the local community and they are passionate about supporting the local causes that are important to our shoppers and neighbors," comments Kristin Bagonis, Marketing & Communications Relations at Whole Foods Market. "We are honored to have partnered with the ACCF in making a dramatic difference in people's lives."

ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES: The Achievement Centers for Children & Families is a non-profit social services agency that provides comprehensive services to educate, train, and support at-risk children, youth and families ensuring school readiness, skill and capacity building opportunities, higher academic performance, increased economic self-sufficiency and improved quality of family function with healthier lifestyles. Their award-winning services and NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited programs serve children, age 12 months to 18 years, and adults on two campuses. Programs include quality, affordable childcare, after school and extended day programs, teen programs, adult education and community outreach services. The Centers'

main campus is located at 555 NW 4th Street in Delray Beach and the Beacon Center at Village Academy campus is located at 400 SW 12th Avenue. For more information about the Achievement Centers, call (561) 276-0520 or visit www.delraychild.org.

ABOUT WHOLE FOODS MARKET: Founded in 1980 in Austin, Texas, Whole Foods Market (www.wholefoodsmarket.com) is the world's leading natural and organic foods supermarket and America's first national certified organic grocer. In fiscal year 2006, the company had sales of \$5.6 billion and currently has more than 270 stores in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. The Whole Foods Market motto, "Whole Foods, Whole People, Whole Planet"[™] captures the company's mission to find success in customer satisfaction and wellness, employee excellence and happiness, enhanced shareholder value, community support and environmental improvement. Whole Foods Market, Fresh & Wild[™], and Harry's Farmers Market[®] are trademarks owned by Whole Foods Market IP, LP. Wild Oats[®] and Capers Community Market[™] are trademarks owned by Wild Marks, Inc. Whole Foods Market employs more than 50,000 Team Members and has been ranked for ten consecutive years as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in America by *FORTUNE* magazine.

ABOUT AMERICAN HERITAGE SCHOOL BOCA/DELRAY: The American Heritage School Boca/Delray campus is conveniently located at 6200 Linton Blvd. in Delray Beach between Jog Road and Military Trail. Our attractive, modern 40-acre campus is considered one of the finest college preparatory schools in the state for academics, athletics, the arts and technologies, providing excellent academic facilities and programs for our students in grades PK3 – 12. Our mission is to graduate students who are prepared in mind, body and spirit to meet the requirements of the colleges of their choice. To this end, we strive to offer a challenging college preparatory curriculum, opportunities for leadership, and superior programs in the arts, pre-law and pre-med, and athletics. For more information about American Heritage School Boca/Delray, or to schedule a personal tour, call (561) 495-7272 x219 or visit our website at www.ahschool.com.

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