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John Bassett Moore Intermediate 5th Graders Celebrated Respect and Philanthropy **Seasons of Respect Program End-of-Year Celebration, May 29, 2008**

Smyrna, Del. – Fifth graders at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School celebrated their completion of an anti-bullying workshop series, Seasons of Respect, with an ice cream social on May 29th from 10:30am to 11:30 am in the school cafeteria. They also celebrated the raising of funds to a charity—money that was raised through their own fund-raising efforts.

Seasons of Respect, a program of the nonprofit organization Connecting Generations, is an in-class workshop series for fifth graders designed to prevent peer-to-peer bullying and encourage respectful behaviors. All of the fifth graders at John Bassett Moore participated in the workshops and nominated each other for respectful acts throughout the school year. Linda Weeks, the school counselor who has been coordinating the Seasons of Respect program at JBM, felt that the students deserved a celebration for completing the workshop series and a reward for earning more than 200 “respect nominations.” Connecting Generations, with a grant from Christ Church in Wilmington, De., supported this year end party.

Connecting Generations also matched funds the school raised during their recent “hat day,” for a total donation of \$90.00, to the national nonprofit Foundation for Children with Cancer, as part of the idea that respect includes reaching outside of oneself to appreciate and help others. The school has been supporting this charity for a few years because of a personal connection: it is a foundation that has supported several students with cancer who were treated through A.I. Dupont Hospital for Children.

Seasons of Respect workshops are interactive and designed so children at this crucial age before puberty and middle school creatively learn how to behave with respect towards peers and others. Seasons of Respect activities are tied to State English Language Arts and American School Counselor Association standards so that time spent does not detract from the goals of teachers and counselors.

Seasons of Respect served more than 1600 children in ten schools, including John Bassett Moore Intermediate, in Delaware in the 2007/2008 school year. Connecting Generations is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, offering the programs Creative Mentoring, Seasons of Respect, and Creative Transitions. Their mission is to provide creative programs and services that help Delaware’s children and adults lead purposeful, fulfilling, and self-directed lives. Their website is www.connecting-generations.org.

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