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Phillip C. Showell Elementary School 5th Graders Celebrate Respect and Philanthropy **Seasons of Respect Program End-of-Year Celebration, June 10, 2008**

Selbyville, Del. – Fifth graders at Phillip C. Showell Elementary School will celebrate their completion of an anti-bullying workshop series, Seasons of Respect, with a party on June 10th at 10:00am at the school. At the celebration they will also be presenting a check to a charity to show that respect includes helping others.

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 PCS Elementary participated in the workshops and nominated each other for respectful acts throughout the school year. Cheryl Carey, the school counselor who has been coordinating the Seasons of Respect program at PCS, felt that the students deserved a celebration for completing the workshop series and reward for earning so many "respect nominations". The Seasons of Respect Program has helped support the school wide expectations at PCS of being respectful, responsible, positive and safe. Connecting Generations, with a grant from Christ Church in Wilmington, DE is supporting this celebration.

Connecting Generations is also matching a donation from the Phillip C. Showell Helping Hearts Fund, for a total of \$100.00, which the fifth graders will present to Camp Barnes, as part of the idea that respect includes reaching outside of oneself to appreciate and help others. Students chose to support Camp Barnes, a nonprofit facility that partners with PCS each year to provide adventure-based counseling and experiential education focusing on trust, self-confidence and communication to 5th graders.

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 national 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 Phillip C. Showell Elementary, 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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