



PR – Summer FUNds

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - With a \$55,000 donation to local organizations, Walt Disney World is opening doors to summer fun for Central Florida youth.

More than 800 young people will benefit from the \$55,000 "Summer FUNds" donation from Disney to be shared among 11 agencies in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. Disney identified the need to engage children in constructive activities during the summer and is helping those youth, who would not otherwise be participating in structured summer programs.

"It's important that children have an opportunity to have fun in a constructive and educational way," said Diane Ledder, director of Community Relations, Walt Disney World Co. "And it's a goal of DisneyHand – Helping Kids Shine to help kids find constructive activities in their free time during the summer."

Activities that will be made available to kids through the Summer FUNds donation range from swimming lessons and reading instruction to camps that focus on art and diversity.

The organizations and programs receiving support are:

CrealdeSchool of Art – Ten children of migrant farm workers from Apopka will attend a six-week art program. The students will be exposed to five different disciplines that include sculpture, painting, drawing, print-making and photography.

Weekends of Greater Orlando – One hundred high school students will complete a week long leadership program. In the fall they will take what they learned and become Weekends chapter presidents in their respective schools, coordinating events and other activities throughout the year.

Girl Scouts of Osceola County – About 45 youth, who otherwise could not afford a camping experience, will receive scholarships to attend Girl Scout camp this summer.

Jewish Community Center – Nearly 168 underprivileged elementary school age children in Eatonville will have an opportunity to attend a camp that focuses on diversity.

