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Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation Funds Canine Companions Program

MADISON, Wis. (July 31, 2008) – The Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation donated \$5,000 to the North Central Regional Center of Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) in Delaware, Ohio on July 30. The donation will help CCI fund the breeding, raising and training of Canine Companion dogs.

Founded in 1975, CCI provides assistance dogs to children and adults with developmental or physical disabilities whose independence or quality of life can be enhanced with a Canine Companion. The dogs are trained to perform simple daily tasks, serve as hearing dogs, or work as facility dogs in hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. The North Central Regional Center opened in 1987 and has placed 641 service dogs in 14 states. Of these 641 dogs, 291 are still active assistance dogs today; supporting the lasting service role these Canine Companions play in the lives of so many.

“We provide exceptional dogs for exceptional people at no cost,” said Judy Myers, North Central Development Director of CCI. “The donation from the Gordon Flesch Company will help us continue to improve lives by providing a Canine Companion to people with disabilities.”

Remaining true to the company vision to “serve the communities where we work and live,” the Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation, Inc. has donated more than \$800,000 to various charities and organizations in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin since its inception in 2002. Each year, grants totaling \$100,000 are awarded throughout the communities where the Gordon Flesch Company does business.

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“The creation of the Charitable Foundation formalized a spirit of generosity that has been part of the Gordon Flesch Company culture since the beginning,” said Ann Myers, president of the Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation. “It is a reflection of the company’s awareness that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

The Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation, Inc. is led by a board of four employee volunteers. The charities are selected from nominations submitted by individual associates throughout the Gordon Flesch Company. Organizations, large and small, that provide assistance to those suffering from disease or recovering from disaster are given priority attention.

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