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A Toast to the Triangle™ Announces Honorary Chair
Local News Anchor Angela Hampton to Chair 25th Annual Event

RALEIGH, N.C. (October 28, 2009)—Mary Freeman, president and CEO of the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities (www.tammylynncenter.org), today announces WTVD-TV ABC-11 news anchor Angela Hampton will serve as honorary chair of the 25th *A Toast to the Triangle™* (www.atoasttothetriangle.org). The event, which raises funds for the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc, to support children and adults with developmental disabilities, will be held March 7, 2010, at North Carolina State University's McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

Hampton is an Emmy award winning journalist who co-anchors WTVD-TV's Eyewitness News at 11 p.m. and contributes reports to the early evening newscasts. She brings 20 years of experience in broadcast journalism, working for stations in the Triangle and all over the country as a news correspondent and anchor. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A Raleigh native, Hampton remembers visiting the Tammy Lynn Center as a teenager, for high school service projects.

"It's truly a privilege to serve as honorary chair of the 25th annual *A Toast to the Triangle*," says Hampton. "I have a special place in my heart for the Tammy Lynn Center. The children and the caring staff have made an impression on me and the Triangle is lucky to have such an amazing facility for children with severe disabilities and their families."

"We are so excited to have Angela join us this year for the *Toast*," said Freeman. "Her enthusiasm for the Center and the *Toast* is inspiring to us all, and we look forward to working with her to make this year's event the best yet."

A Toast to the Triangle offers guests samples from over 40 of the area's finest restaurants, caterers and purveyors of fine wines and beers, as well as friendly competition among the participants. More than 1,200 guests attended the 2009 *Toast*, which raised \$191,000 for the Center's programs and services.

In 1986, the first *A Toast to the Triangle* was held to raise funds to build residential facilities at the Tammy Lynn Center. Since then, it has become the signature fundraising event for the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc., which supports the Tammy Lynn Center programs and

services such as Community Residential, Early Childhood Intervention, Respite Care and non-Medicaid Day Services.

About *A Toast to the Triangle*:

A Toast to the Triangle was first held on April 6, 1986, at Carolina Place. Approximately \$6,000 was raised to build residential facilities at the Tammy Lynn Center. Since then, the event has been held annually to raise funds for the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc., which in turn supports the following programs and services of the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities: Community Residential, Early Childhood Intervention, Respite Care, and non-Medicaid Day Services. The event offers an astonishing array of culinary splendor from nearly 40 of the Triangle's finest restaurants, caterers and purveyors of fine wines and specialty beers. Attracting more than 1,200 people, last year's event raised more than \$191,000 for the Center's programs and services. To learn more about this event, please visit www.atoasttothetriangle.org.

About the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc.:

The Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc., founded in 1969, supports the following programs and services of the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities: Community Residential, Early Childhood Intervention, Respite Care and non-Medicaid Day Services. For more information, please visit www.tammylynncenter.org.

About the Tammy Lynn Center:

Located on a nine-acre campus near North Carolina State University in Raleigh, the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities (TLCDD) offers educational, residential and family support services to children and adults with special needs. Founded in 1969, the center remains committed to providing the individuals it serves with the opportunity to maximize their abilities and potential in a loving, nurturing environment. TLCDD is owned by the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc. and is independently operated by TLC Operations, Inc. Both corporations are under the parent company Tammy Lynn Center, Inc. All organizations are nonprofit entities 510©(3), and contributions are tax deductible. Visit www.tammylynncenter.org.

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