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**Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities Selected as
24th Annual Azalea Celebration Prize Recipient**

RALEIGH, N.C. (September 28, 2009) – Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities has been selected by NC Beautiful to receive a special beautification prize of 20 azaleas for use in the group's 2009 beautification projects. The award is part of NC Beautiful's 24th Annual Azalea Celebration, which rewards North Carolina community groups for improving their communities through creative landscape projects.

"We are so fortunate to have been selected by NC Beautiful to benefit from this opportunity. The azaleas will be a welcome addition to our campus landscaping. Our staff, students and residents will enjoy the colors of the azaleas for years to come," said Mary Freeman, President and CEO of Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities.

Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities will plant the azaleas around the grounds of its 9-acre campus on Chappell Road in Raleigh.

The goal of the project is to promote environmental stewardship and provide a hands-on experience in order to protect, preserve and maintain our natural environment.

About the Azalea Celebration

The annual Azalea Celebration, developed and administered by NC Beautiful and sponsored by WRAL-TV and Mix 101.5 Radio in Raleigh, has awarded more than 210,000 plants to approximately 3,200 non-profits in its 24 year history. The one-gallon azaleas distributed by NC Beautiful are grown from cuttings taken three years ago from the WRAL Gardens in Raleigh. The azalea program is sponsored by the Capitol Broadcasting Company (CBC) and funded in part by the A.J. Fletcher Foundation, which is named for the former president of CBC and the founder of WRAL.

About NC Beautiful

For over forty years, NC Beautiful has focused on merit-based programs which provide hands-on experience in preserving our resources and promoting constructive action toward environmental stewardship. We believe that environmental education and community involvement are the keys to addressing North Carolina's environmental challenges. For more information about programs in which your community, schools and citizens can participate, contact NC Beautiful at PO Box 10155, Raleigh, NC 27605, or visit www.ncbeautiful.org.

About the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities:

Located on a nine-acre campus near N.C. State's Centennial Campus in Raleigh, the Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities (TLCDD) offers educational, residential and family support services to children and adults with special needs. Since 1969, the Tammy Lynn Center has been committed to providing the individuals it serves with the opportunity to maximize their abilities and potential in a loving, nurturing environment. The TLCDD is owned by the Tammy Lynn Memorial Foundation, Inc., and is independently and exclusively operated by TLC Operations, Inc. Both corporations are under the parent company, Tammy Lynn Center, Inc. All organizations are 501 (c) (3) entities, and contributions are tax deductible according to IRS rules and regulations. Visit www.tammylynncenter.org.

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