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Guilford County Schools Receive Over \$58,000 from DonorsChoose.org

Guilford County, NC- Guilford Education Alliance is pleased to report that DonorsChoose.org awarded more than \$58,000 to 152 distinct projects in Guilford County Schools in the 2007-2008 school year. DonorsChoose.org is a nonprofit website that provides a way for individuals, businesses and civic organizations to make direct tax-deductible contributions to classrooms. At www.DonorsChoose.org, individuals can search project requests from teachers for classroom supplies and resources and choose which projects they would like to support, in part or in full. To participate in the DonorsChoose.org program for Guilford County Schools, log on to www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/donors_choose.htm. DonorsChoose.org is one way that we can work together to ensure that our students graduate with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in college and in the 21st century workplace.

A partnership with DonorsChoose.org was one of the first initiatives that Guilford Education Alliance undertook when it began its work in 2005. Since that time, the support that our teachers are receiving through this easy on-line program has quadrupled. Both the Summit Rotary Club and the Junior League of Greensboro partner with DonorsChoose.org as a means of supporting Guilford County teachers and improving local classrooms and the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro offered a challenge grant that enhanced our local contributions. Guilford Education Alliance is continually seeking other individuals and civic organizations that want to make the grant application process easy for themselves and teachers by using the online program.

The mission of the Guilford Education Alliance is to create community commitment to provide educational opportunity to all, with emphasis on Guilford County Schools, making education our community's TOP priority. Activities sponsored by the Alliance include an annual Education Summit incorporating the *Education Matters* report on the status of education in our schools, the New Teacher Reception, Rookie Teacher of the Year Breakfast, *On Stage!*, Principal for a Day Program, the Education Leadership Academy, research reports on academic performance of our schools and other advocacy programs focused on the Guilford County Schools budget and other education issues. This and a bi-weekly newsletter regarding current education issues are posted on the website www.guilfordeducationalliance.org.

Information on this and other initiatives of the Guilford Education Alliance is available at 841-4332 or www.guilfordeducationalliance.org.