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**DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION HONORS
QUANTUM LEAP FARM
WITH THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITY AWARD**

Tampa, Fl. (August 30, 2006) – Quantum Leap Farm (QLF), Inc. is a non-profit community service organization providing therapeutic and recreational equestrian activities for adults with mental and physical disabilities. The DeBartolo Family Foundation recognizes Quantum Leap Farm for their tireless dedication to these disabled individuals by honoring the organization with a \$10,000 donation along with the Spirit of Humanity Award (SOH).

Quantum Leap Farm, Inc., located in Odessa, Florida was founded in 2000. The organization's mission is to enrich and enhance the lives of handicapped adults by engaging them in a variety of equestrian activities designed to promote and improve physical, mental, and social well being. QLF was founded also to perform research documenting the many benefits of therapeutic horseback riding.

“We are proud to receive the Spirit of Humanity Award,” said Edie Ebbert Dopking, PhD, President and Founder of Quantum Leap Farm. “This award in addition to the monetary donation is very meaningful to each of us. The award recognition will bring joy and put smiles on the faces of the people that participate in our program - because of the support from an organization such as The DeBartolo Family Foundation”

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“Our future plans include the expansion of services to incorporate development of a vocational training program for participants who want to work in the equine industry and a summer camp program for handicapped adults,” Dr. Dopking said. “The financial assistance given to us by the DeBartolo Family Foundation will also be dedicated in part to a covered riding area and observation deck for our riders.”

“We are delighted to recognize such a special organization within our Tampa Bay community. The Quantum Leap equestrian riding and research programs further the physical and mental well being of the special people it serves.” said Lisa DeBartolo, Executive Vice President of DeBartolo Holdings, LLC. “The physically challenged adults that participate in the Quantum Leap Farm programs are extraordinary people, and we commend them for their strength and desire to gain greater independence within their lives.”

For more information on Quantum Leap Farm, please call (813.920.9250) or visit the website at www.quantumleapfarm.org.

The DeBartolo Family Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation created by the members of the Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. family to benefit local communities. The Foundation annually awards scholarships to deserving students, provides grants to individuals and organizations with exceptional requirements, and presents the Spirit of Humanity Award, honoring non-profit, grass roots organizations that provide extraordinary assistance to Tampa Bay residents with special needs. For more information, visit the foundation’s website at www.debartolofamilyfoundation.com or call the Foundation office at 813.964.8302.

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(Note: Attached photo: DeBartolo Family Foundation Presents Spirit of Humanity Award to Quantum Leap Farm. Shown: (Left) Dr. Edie Dopking President and Founder of Quantum Leap Farm, (Center) one of the several therapy horses at QLF and (Right) Lisa DeBartolo, Executive Vice President, DeBartolo Holdings LLC.