

Sea Isle Elementary School Sock Hop Benefits SRVS

Memphis, TN (May 8, 2007) - Students, staff and service recipients danced the night away at the third annual Sea Isle Elementary School Sock Hop benefiting Shelby Residential and Vocational Services Inc. (SRVS). SRVS is a United Way partner agency and the largest comprehensive service provider for people with developmental disabilities in West Tennessee.

More than 250 people attended the event which featured music, dancing, and hoola-hoop and limbo contests. "I'm so proud of how well our students interacted with SRVS' service recipients," said Kati Clark, President of the Sea Isle Parent Teacher's Organization which hosted the event.

The Sock Hop started three years ago by Sue Russell, a teacher at Sea Isle Elementary and member of SRVS board. In lieu of an admission price, guests were asked to donate a pair of socks, undergarments, or educational supplies for service recipients at SRVS. More than 223 pairs of socks and undergarments were collected, plus numerous art supplies, puzzles, activity books and a variety of t-shirts and underwear — all of which totaled an in-kind value of more than \$1,200.

Dr. Teri Evans, Principal of Sea Isle Elementary, was excited to see her teachers and students participate in the cause. "Service learning is a part of our curriculum at Sea Isle Elementary and the Sock Hop is one way of teaching our children the importance of helping others."

"We'd like to thank the students, staff and PTO for their generous spirit of giving to our organization," said Alan Gentry, SRVS Director of Public Relations and Development. "Our service recipients had a wonderful time at the Sock Hop – as always – and we're looking forward to next year's event."

SRVS provides comprehensive care for more than 750 service recipients through family support, residential living programs, job training and placement, community participation, a day center and more. For more information about SRVS, please contact Alan Gentry, Director of Public Relations and Development at (901) 869-9207 or visit the agency's website at www.srvs.org.



Photo: (L-R) SRVS service recipient George and Sea Isle Elementary School Before and After Care Program Director Madelyn Clayton, boogie down at the Sock Hop.



Photo: (L-R) SRVS service recipient Quinton and Sea Isle teacher Sue Russell swing to the beat of the music at the school's third annual Sock Hop.