

Fourth Annual Sock Hop Benefits SRVS

Memphis, TN (April 26, 2008) - The staff and students of Sea Isle Elementary School kicked up their heels for SRVS (Shelby Residential and Vocational Services) at the school's fourth annual Sock Hop. The fundraiser benefits more than 200 of 800 individuals with developmental disabilities at SRVS who live in group homes and supportive living situations.

After four years of socializing together, the students and individuals at SRVS have developed a strong bond. "It's gratifying to see our students reaching out to people with special needs," said Dr. Teri Evans, principal of Sea Isle Elementary school. "They look forward to dancing with the individuals from SRVS." Melanie Shuster, President of the Parent Teachers Organization, organized the event which featured music, dancing and a hula-hoop contest.

Participants were asked to donate a pair of socks, undergarments or educational supplies for SRVS' individuals in lieu of an admission price. More than 430 pairs of socks, undergarments, art supplies, puzzles and activity books were collected totaling an in-kind value of nearly \$1,300.

SRVS' Executive Director, Jeffrie Bruton, recognized the school's staff, parents, students and community for their ongoing support of SRVS. "This is a wonderful example of the type of grassroots support our individuals receive in the community. We appreciate the efforts of the staff and students in raising awareness about the needs of people with developmental disabilities."



Photo (L-R): PTO President Melanie Shuster and Principal Teri Evans receive certificates of appreciation from Jeffrie Bruton, SRVS' Executive Director.



Kathy Thompson from SRVS participates in the hula-hoop contest.



Principal Teri Evans (at left) communicates with Thordis Setbacken from SRVS at the Sea Isle Elementary School Sock Hop.



SRVS' Executive Director Jeffrie Bruton (in middle of photo) is surrounded by Sea Isle family and friends at the school's Sock Hop. Pictured with Jeffrie are Alexis Pelton, Alexander Boekhoff, Mr. Bill Boekhoff, Jeffrie, Katherine and Kristin Boekhoff.



Isabella Everett, a student at Sea Isle Elementary School, came fashionably dressed for the Sock Hop.