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**Deepwood Foundation Expands Therapeutic Opportunities to Support Development**  
*Share a Chair Program Offered to Community*

MENTOR, OH (June 4, 2008) – Deepwood Foundation, the nonprofit charitable arm for the Lake County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, wants to *Share a Chair* with the community through its program that expands the therapeutic opportunities available to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Share a Chair program loans new and used rehabilitative and adaptive equipment and augmentative speech devices at *no cost* to families who do not have the resources to pay for such necessary items.

The program allows individuals to develop specific skills with a fun and meaningful format. Access to a wide range of equipment gives caregivers, parents and children a variety of therapeutic and play experiences. A variety of resources are available based on therapist recommendations.

Equipment will be available for loan periods (generally one month) allowing children and adults to have access on a temporary basis, either for skill development or for exploration of suitable equipment for future purchase. Equipment is available immediately and will be distributed first come, first serve. Initial lending time will include June, July and August.

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“The Share a Chair program would not be possible this year without the generous support of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio and Western Reserve Junior Service League,” commented Rikke Coach, Executive Director of the Deepwood Foundation. “This wonderful program truly helps to make a difference in the lives of so many children and adults.”

Created by parents, families and professionals in 1996, the Deepwood Foundation, a §501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is the charitable arm for the Lake County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (LCBMRDD), as well as help for any resident in Lake County with a developmental disability. Its mission is to make grants and gifts to programs and activities supporting persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities; to aid such persons directly, where appropriate; and to promote community awareness of the needs and abilities of disabled persons. Deepwood Foundation provides funding and assistance to children and adults with developmental disabilities with camp and after school scholarships, therapeutic and specialized equipment, health and safety items, advocacy, community education, and other unique support not available through LCBMRDD and traditional sources.

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