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Phillies Pitcher Jamie Moyer and Wife Karen Bring Bereavement Camp for Kids to Orange County

The Moyer Foundation Continues National Expansion Announcing Camp Erin Orange County – One of 10 New Cities in 2010

Seattle, WA – November 16, 2009 – The Moyer Foundation – a non-profit organization established by World-Series champion, All-Star MLB pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen, and the Spencer Hospice Foundation have announced the opening of Camp Erin Orange County, a special camp for children and teens ages 6-17 who've lost someone close to them.

Camp Erin Orange County is one of 10 new camps opening in 2010, made possible by The Moyer Foundation's *Campaign for Kids*, a nationwide fundraising effort to help establish and fund as many as 60 new camps by 2012 – including one camp in every Major League Baseball city. Through the support of individuals, corporate sponsors and partner organizations nationwide, Camp Erin has become the largest network of bereavement camps in the country, with 38 camps in 23 states and one in Canada.

The Moyer Foundation partners with hospitals and hospice and bereavement organizations in local communities to help fund, manage, and grow Camp Erin nationwide. Bereavement experts and trained volunteers from the Spencer Hospice Foundation (www.spencer-foundation.org), will help facilitate and raise additional funds to support Camp Erin Orange County, which is free to all children grieving the loss of someone close to them.

“My wife Karen and I are grateful to everyone who is getting involved to help support Camp Erin in their local communities and on a national level, bringing this much needed service to more children in more cities each year,” said Jamie Moyer, Co-Founder of The Moyer Foundation.

According to U.S. Census Reports, more than 27,548 children in Orange County Area have suffered the loss of a parent. Research indicates that without proper support, these children face much higher risks for problems such as mental illness and

substance abuse. Camp Erin teaches children healthy ways to cope with grief, and provides resources for children to use during and after camp.

The Moyer Foundation is also working with more than 100 Camp Erin Advocates – national experts, celebrities and professional athletes – to help raise awareness and funds for Camp Erin in their local communities. In addition to support from the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, local advocates for Camp Erin Orange County include Todd Potter, a world renowned FMX freestyle motocross rider.

Todd started riding at age 5 and went pro at age 17. Since then, his career accomplishments have been notable including becoming the 2008 Gold medal winner of the X Games Best Whip for the US and Mexico and Gold medal winner of the X Games Best Trick for Brazil, as well as ESPN Moto X Championships Bronze for Best Trick.

“My oldest brother Quincy was killed when I was 12 years old and it was the most devastating thing I ever had to go through!,” noted Potter. “I never really talked about it, just kind of held it inside. Then one my best friends, Jeremy Lusk, was killed riding a dirt bike in Costa Rica on February 9, 2009.”

As part of the Metal Mulisha, Todd rode everyday with Jeremy Lusk. “We pushed each other all the time, and it broke my heart when I heard the news,” continued Potter. “It opened the floodgates of emotions that I never dealt with as a child. Camp Erin will give kids the coping skills needed to deal with the loss of a family member or friend. I really wish Camp Erin was around when I was a kid.”

Another program advocate for Camp Erin Orange County includes William G. Hoy, DMin, FT who provides clinical and program oversight to the bereavement program at Pathways Volunteer Hospice in Long Beach, serves as educational consultant to O'Connor Mortuary in Laguna Hills, and teaches in the graduate program in bereavement at Marian University.

According to Dr. Hoy, “For a child, no experience compares to the death loss of a parent or sibling. But we learn from both research and clinical experience that kids are helped immeasurably when they get together with other bereaved kids their own age in a supportive environment. Camp Erin provides just such a venue. However, life after a loved one's death isn't just about bereavement, and at Camp Erin, the activities these children and teens participate in aren't just about grief, either. Combining regular camp activities with programs related specifically to grief, I think, brings together the best of both worlds.”

What: Camp Erin Orange County

When: August 13th – 15th, 2010

Where: The Outdoor Education Center, Orange, CA

For more information on all Camp Erin locations and how to get involved, visit www.moyerfoundation.org.

About The Moyer Foundation

The Moyer Foundation – (a public, 501 c 3 organization) headquartered in Seattle, WA, was founded in 2000 by World Series-winning, Major League All-Star pitcher, Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen. The Foundation’s mission is to provide comfort and support to children enduring a time of profound physical, emotional or financial distress. With the community’s support, The Moyer Foundation has raised over \$19 million to support hundreds of programs that directly serve the needs of children in distress. In addition to supporting programs through grants, The Moyer Foundation created and funds its own programs like Camp Erin, bereavement camps for grieving children and teens. Camp Erin is the largest national network of bereavement camps for children with 38 camps in 23 states. The Foundation is currently leading a fundraising campaign to help establish as many as 60 camps – at least one camp in every Major League Baseball city nationwide. The Moyer Foundation raises funds through many special events, corporate partners and individual donors. 100% of individual donations benefit children in distress. For more information and how to get involved, go to www.moyerfoundation.org.

About The Spencer Hospice Foundation

The Spencer Hospice Foundation is a unique, community based nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing hospice care by providing additional support services to hospice patients and their families. The foundation was established through a bequest given by Mr. Marlyn Spencer, a hospice patient diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, whose final wish was that the gift of hospice be strengthened by helping others like himself, who are isolated and in need. The Spencer Hospice Foundation therefore aims to support hospice patients by offering education in end-of-life care, assisting patients with special needs, and offering bereavement support to grieving children and their families. For more information on how to get involved with Camp Erin Orange County, go to www.spencer-foundation.org.