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Hands On Greater Buffalo Holds Reception for Benefactors of St. Augustine Renovation

Buffalo, NY – On **Tuesday, May 1st 2007**, Hands On Greater Buffalo will be holding a reception and open house at the **St. Augustine Scholar Program, 21 Davidson St. Buffalo NY**, to honor the organizations which made the renovation of St. Augustine's possible. The open house will run from **4-6pm** with the reception and awards ceremony taking place at **5pm**.

The honored organizations include Home Depot, Oishei Foundation, Buffalo Sabres Foundation, 97 Rock, Crowley-Webb and Associates, and WNY AmeriCorps.

The "Extreme Makeover" of the St. Augustine Scholar Program transformed an under funded and dilapidated school in the City of Buffalo into a shining beacon of educational equality for urban children. Hands On Greater Buffalo and their partners West Seneca AmeriCorps and the Home Depot as well as well as 400 community volunteers remodeled the 40,000 square feet of classrooms and hallways and gave the school the new library it so desperately needed. To help the school in its expansion efforts, the unused second-floor classrooms renovated and reopened, including turning an out of date computer room into a technology room. The school's championship basketball team now has a new gym floor to replace their former floor: kitchen tile that did not meet league regulations, forcing the team to play every game on their opponent's home court. Home Depot, the Oishei Foundation, and the Buffalo Sabres Foundation furnished the funding, bringing the children a regulation court suitable for home play for the first time in the school's history.

Hands On Greater Buffalo is Western New York's newest volunteer generator. Powered by West Seneca AmeriCorps, Hands On Greater Buffalo helps individuals, families and corporate and community groups "lend a hand" and be the change they wish to see in the world by offering a multitude of volunteer opportunities throughout our region. Hands On Greater Buffalo is an affiliate of the Hands On Network. Want to be the change? Then "Lend Yours!" Visit www.handsongreaterbuffalo.org for more information and for volunteer opportunities.

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