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**Rotary Clubs of South and North Jacksonville Donate \$90,000
From Gingerbread Project To 24 Local Charities**

Jacksonville, Fla.; June 22, 2009 – With the profits from the 2008 annual Gingerbread Extravaganza, the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville and the Rotary Club of North Jacksonville donated \$90,000 to 24 local charities, organizations and non-profit projects.

The two Rotary Clubs teamed up to conduct the fifth annual Gingerbread Extravaganza that showcases gingerbread houses during the holidays. The clubs designated three major charities to receive the largest contributions. They include HabiJax (\$35,000), Ronald McDonald House (\$20,000) and the Jacksonville Historical Society (\$12,500).

The remaining funds were distributed to following... PET International; Leadership Jacksonville; Angelwood, Inc.; Jacksonville School for Children with Autism; Voices for Children of the First Coast; Mental Health America; WE CARE Jacksonville; National Council of Negro Women; The World Affairs Council; Jacksonville Maritime Museum; City Kids Art Factory; International Visitors Corps of Jacksonville; Sanctuary on 8th Street; Women's Center of Jacksonville; Dreams Come True; Volunteers in Medicine; Clarke Jacksonville Auditory/Oral Center; Water For People (Rotary Project); District's Dictionary Project (Rotary); Infant Morality Project (Rotary); Eddy Awards (Duval School System).

Since the beginning of the Gingerbread Extravaganza five years ago, the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville has donated over a half a million dollars to date to local charities from the event's proceeds.