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**World Series Champion Jamie Moyer and wife, Karen, Attend Camp Mariposa,
a Free Camp for Children Affected by Family Member's Drug or Alcohol Abuse**
Founders of The Moyer Foundation visit children and help raise awareness for camp

SEATTLE, Wash. (January 31, 2011)— World Series Champion Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen, visited with 20 kids at Camp Mariposa this weekend as part of The Moyer Foundation's partnership with Youth Eastside Services (YES) to serve kids affected by the drug or alcohol addiction of a family member. The kids got the chance to meet the Moyers Friday evening, Jan. 28 and then enjoyed a blend of traditional camp activities enhanced with therapeutic elements through Sunday, Jan. 30.

Led by trained and experienced counselors from YES, Camp Mariposa teaches kids coping skills and about the impact substance abuse has on them and their family. It also increases their knowledge of available resources and educates them about their predisposition for substance abuse, therefore helping them to avoid repeating generational patterns. The camp takes place on the grounds of Camp Waskowitz in North Bend, Wash and is offered free of charge to approved participants several times per year.

"Camp Mariposa has been serving kids in the Seattle area for three years," said Karen Moyer, who co-founded The Moyer Foundation with her husband Jamie. "We are ready for a national expansion now. This will be our model camp and we are most proud of its success. No child asks for their distress and those who live with addicts need tools and hope, so they can survive and hopefully end the cycle of addiction!"

"It's a unique program that helps kids who live with a substance abuser feel less isolated and better prepared to face the difficult challenges they face," said Patti Skelton-McGougan, Executive Director of YES. "There is no other program like this anywhere in Puget Sound."

The Moyer Foundation created Camp Mariposa with YES and experts in the field in 2007, when Karen Moyer approached YES about offering a program to fill this urgent need in the community. The Moyer Foundation has provided grants to YES for Camp Mariposa each year, most recently awarding YES a \$50,000 grant for 2011, which will cover the cost of five camps for approximately 120 children.

For more information on registering a camper, visit YES online at www.YouthEastsideServices.org. To make a donation in support of Camp Mariposa, visit The Moyer Foundation at www.MoyerFoundation.org.

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[Photo attached:]



World Series Champions Jamie Moyer talks with campers

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About The Moyer Foundation

The Moyer Foundation – (a public, 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization) headquartered in Seattle, WA, was founded in 2000 by World Series champion 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 \$20 million to assist hundreds of programs that directly serve the needs of children in severe distress. In addition to community-funded grants, The Moyer Foundation also created and funds ***Camp Erin***, the largest, *free* bereavement camp in the country for grieving children and teens; ***Camp Mariposa***, for children affected by addiction/substance abuse in their families; and community partnerships such as ***Catch a Cure for Cancer*** – for early cancer-detection research. 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, visit www.moyerfoundation.org.

About Youth Eastside Services

YES is a nonprofit organization and a leading provider of youth counseling and substance abuse services in the region. Since 1968, YES has been a lifeline for kids and families, offering treatment, education and prevention services to help youth become healthy, confident and self-reliant and families to become strong, supportive and loving. While YES accepts Medicaid, insurance and offers a sliding scale, no one is turned away for inability to pay. For more information, visit www.YouthEastsideServices.org.