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CITY YEAR CLEVELAND RETURNS AS BENEFICIARY OF THE WACHOVIA SECURITIES AMERICAN GOLD CUP

MORELAND HILLS, OHIO – March 6, 2007 – City Year Cleveland will return as the beneficiary of the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup, September 19 to 23 in Moreland Hills. The nonprofit organization unites a diverse corps of young adults (ages 17 to 24) for a demanding year of full-time community service, leadership development and civic engagement.

“City Year is an important part of the success of the American Gold Cup in Cleveland,” said Michael Morrissey, CEO of Stadium Jumping, Inc. and organizer of the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup. “Last year when we brought the Gold Cup back to Cleveland after 35 years, more than 60 City Year representatives volunteered at Saturday’s Kids Fair and it was a tremendous success thanks to their efforts.”

“Our partnership with the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup gave our team members a wonderful opportunity to work with the community and provided us with significant exposure to new audiences. We’re thrilled to be associated with such a world-class organization and look forward to an even greater event in 2007,” said Gretchen Faro, executive director of City Year Cleveland, part of the national City Year organization.

The City Year Kids Fair will return to the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup on Saturday, September 22. Activities will include rides and attractions, an obstacle course, character appearances and a mini show jumping course for kids on foot. Proceeds from the gate that day will go to City Year Cleveland.

The City Year Cleveland site was launched in 1996. Over the past decade, City Year corps members have completed over one million hours of service to the City of Cleveland. More than 60 young leaders put their idealism to work as tutors and mentors to school children, delivering health and safety curricula to Cleveland school children, reclaiming public spaces and organizing after-school programs, school vacation camps and the Starfish Corps, Young Heroes and City Heroes programs – leadership programs for elementary through high-school age youth.

“Last year, in addition to its financial contribution the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup generously donated many of the flowers that decorated the jumps and grounds. We were able to use them at Luke Easter Park in Cleveland’s Mt. Pleasant neighborhood and in school beautification projects throughout Cleveland,” explained Faro.

City Year was founded in 1988 by Harvard Law School students Michael Brown and Alan Khazei, who were named among "America's Best Leaders" by *U.S. News & World Report* in 2006.

Today, City Year has programs in 17 cities in the U.S. and South Africa. For more information, visit www.cityyear.org.

The Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup is a premier Olympic-caliber horse show jumping competition held at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field. Devoted to show jumping at the highest levels, the event also features family-friendly rides and attractions over the weekend including the City Year Kids Fair on Saturday, September 22. The American Gold Cup also features daily shopping boutiques, food and musical entertainment by three of the region's top entertainers Friday through Sunday. The event culminates on Sunday with the \$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup, an FEI World Cup™ qualifying competition. For more details visit the net at www.AmericanGoldCup.net or call (440) 834-8615.

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