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Devereux Pennsylvania to Host Masquerade Gala Honoring Trustee Lisa Yang

*Yang, a Rosemont, PA resident and Devereux parent, to receive Cheryl & Howard Hassman
Devereux Leadership Award*

Villanova, PA (September 16, 2009) – Devereux Pennsylvania will host its 11th Annual Gala, *A Mystery and Magic Black-Tie Affair*, at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Devereux trustee and parent Lisa Yang, Rosemont, PA, will be honored at the event with the 2009 Cheryl & Howard Hassman Devereux Leadership Award for her generosity, leadership and personal commitment to the organization.

Devereux is one of the largest not-for-profit providers of mental health and behavioral health care services in the United States. With Centers in 11 states, Devereux supports over 15,000 individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and emotional and behavioral disorders. Devereux Pennsylvania serves 3,400 children, adults and families with special needs.

“Lisa has been a central figure in our efforts to provide innovative care for children and adults with intellectual, behavioral and emotional challenges,” said Devereux President and CEO Bob Kreider. “Lisa’s leadership, both as a trustee and member of the Pennsylvania Advisory Board, as well as her generosity has directly impacted our ability to bring happiness and personal fulfillment to some of Philadelphia’s most vulnerable citizens.”

“I am honored that my work with Devereux has made such a positive difference in the lives of Devereux residents, including my son Doug,” added Yang. “Devereux has truly become an extension of our family, and I am proud to support the many programs Devereux offers that develop life skills and foster self-confidence in residents.”

Proceeds from the gala provide services that build essential skills, pride and self-esteem in the children, adolescents, and adults served by Devereux’s Southeastern Pennsylvania Centers. Activities include Special Olympics, scouting, recreation, art, music programming, community service and cultural and educational field trips.

Attendees at the gala will don masquerade masks, while enjoying a cocktail reception and dinner, entertainment, dancing and premier live and silent auctions, along with other magical surprises. Online auction bidding is available in advance of the event at <http://auction.devereuxpa.org>.

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Devereux Pennsylvania is privileged to welcome NBC 10's Lori Wilson as the Master of Ceremonies. Wilson co-hosts "The 10! Show" with Bill Henley, which airs weekdays at 11 a.m.

The event is presented by Barclays Capital and Deutsche Bank, along with sponsors ECBM, RBC Wealth Management, Annie's Orchids, Cartier, Shaye & David Schloss, Citi, Post & Schell Attorneys at Law, PECO, Stradley Ronon Stevens and Young LLP, HighSchwartz Attorneys at Law LLP, and Morgan Stanley.

The event's executive committee includes: Christopher D. Butler, Executive VP and COO, Independence Blue Cross; William R. Sasso, Esq., Chairman, Stradley Ronon Stevens and Young LLP; Judy Spires, President, ACME Markets, Inc.; Hugh Long, CEO of PA and DE, Wachovia, A Wells Fargo Company; Charles Pizzi, President and CEO, Tasty Baking Company; David Yadgaroff, Vice President and General Manager, KYW Newsradio; and Mike Bova, Partner, Accenture.

Individual tickets are \$250. Tables, sponsorships, and program advertisements are available. Please contact Shamra Spencer, sspencer@devereux.org, for more information.

For more information about Devereux, visit www.devereux.org.

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