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**Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. to name playground
in honor of supporters from Levelland**

Who: Cal Farley's

What: Playground dedication

When: Sunday, July 22, 2007; 3:00 P.M.

Where: Girlstown, U.S.A. (FM Road 1780, 8 miles south of Whiteface, TX)

Girlstown, U.S.A.- "When you fall in love with children, you're going to get involved," is what Shirley Ward recently said of her long time association with Girlstown, U.S.A. In fact, Wayne and Shirley Ward of Levelland, TX were supporters of Girlstown, U.S.A. long before it became part of the Cal Farley organization in 1987. Though Wayne Ward passed away in 2004, Shirley has continued their tradition of support and dedication to the organization. In appreciation for their many acts of kindness, and more than 30 years of affiliation with Girlstown, U.S.A., on Sunday, July 22, 2007 the Cal Farley organization will dedicate a recently constructed playground in memory of Wayne Ward and in honor of Mrs. Shirley Ward. The 3:00 P.M. dedication ceremony is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Wayne Ward was a retired postal employee who had served as a District Lions Club Governor and was an active member of the Levelland community for 57 years. He is particularly appreciated for the years he played Santa Clause on the campus. Shirley recently told the story of a Girlstown, U.S.A. teenager who was not interested in the latest toy or a trendy outfit for Christmas, but rather had asked Mr. Ward to help find her Dad. "That really got Wayne choked up," conveyed Shirley. Mrs. Ward currently operates a day care facility and stays active with her 3 daughters, 4 grandchildren, 1 foster son and 2 foster

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grand-children. Then, there is her continued dedication to Girlstown, U.S.A. Shirley says she and her husband fell in love instantly with the residents of Girlstown, U.S.A., and that as new residents arrive, "You just fall in love with them too."

The Cal Farley organization is grateful for the time, friendship and love that the Ward's have given to the students at Girlstown, U.S.A. and we invite you to join us as we dedicate this space which will hopefully bring even the slightest amount of joy that the Ward's have brought to so many residents at Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A.

The Cal Farley organization cares for approximately 310 boys and girls at its two campuses – Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. Children from pre-school through high school are accepted with no charge to their families. The Cal Farley programs provide a variety of academic, vocational, spiritual and extra-curricular activities for the children in care.

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