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E-QUALITY OF LIFE OPENS DOORS TO AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

(Jupiter, FL -) E-Quality of Life Foundation, Inc. has installed two new power automated door openers at Jupiter High School and one at Dwyer High School to aid the physically challenged by providing easy access in and out of the buildings. Donated by Stanley Access Technologies, the Magic Force door openers give access to **Jupiter High School's media center** where a **ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 10, 2007 at 2 p.m.** "Now even kids loaded down with books can move easily in and out of these high traffic areas with just the press of a button," said Susan Arena, the organization's president.

William T. Dwyer had their door opener installed at the main cafeteria as well. ESE (Exceptional Student Education) Contact Amy Panichella said, the "totally unexpected" donation "is a very good thing for the school. It made it possible for students in wheelchairs to get in and out of the cafeteria without having to rely on other students to help them out." She added, "We were thrilled!"

E-Quality of Life Foundation has installed more than eight door openers around Palm Beach County since March 2007. Each has been donated by one of three distributors – Horton and Napco being the other two- according to Ms. Arena who hopes that businesses will begin to take the initiative to install the doors on their own. "It is a device that can be easily added to any most existing door," she said. "The cost can be as much as \$3,000 including the installation, but for those who are willing to make the investment, there is an allowable tax deduction of up to \$10,000."

"Our intent is to make accessibility possible for all people," said Ms. Arena. "Even though businesses have adhered to the requirements of the ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) by providing ramps where they are needed, in many cases that does not go far enough. Many physically challenged people in wheelchairs have difficulty opening doors." 18% of the population in Palm Beach County alone has mobility issues.

E-Quality of Life Foundation, Inc. was established to assist the physically challenged by addressing accessibility issues and obstacles, educating the community, and providing direct solutions for improving quality of life. E-Quality of Life Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and relies on donations and volunteers to fulfill its goals. For further information about the foundation, contact Susan Arena, president, at (561) 747-(LIFE) 5433.