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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Partnership 4 Kids Celebrates 20 Years of Students' Goal Achievement At Belvedere Elementary

Omaha, Neb - On May 10th, Omaha youth mentoring organization, Partnership 4 Kids will celebrate 20 years the organization's goal achievement programming being a part of Belvedere Elementary students' school experience. The celebration will take place during the afternoon of May 10th at Belvedere Elementary, 3775 Curtis Avenue, from 2p.m.-3:30p.m. Program founders, Jerry and Cookie Hoberman will be honored during the ceremony for their leadership and program innovation. Current Belvedere students will also be recognized for achieving their fourth-quarter goals in math, reading and life skills during the all-school celebration.

"It is a major milestone to have built a quality program that continues 20 years after its formation," said Partnership 4 Kids President, Deb Denbeck. "The Hobermans have worked tirelessly and impacted the lives of thousands of elementary students throughout our community. Their dedication to youth development in the community shows true compassion and care for the future of Omaha."

The program, which was initially called Winners Circle, first began to take shape in 1996 when local businessman, Jerry Hoberman and his wife, Cookie entered an "Adopt A School" relationship with Belvedere Elementary. The couple wanted to create a program to recognize students for their academic achievement. They patterned the basis of the program after an incentive system Jerry used to motivate his employees. Jerry and Cookie transformed their vision into a school-wide achievement program that engaged not only the students, but their teachers, families and the entire community in working toward a common goal of student success.

Today the Partnership 4 Kids Goal Achievement Program is at the foundation of the agency's pathway of programming, which supports disadvantaged and low-income youth in Omaha from kindergarten to careers through mentor support and life skills curriculum. Partnership 4 Kids Goal Achievement Program is now imbedded in 12 Title I elementary schools in the Omaha Public Schools District, serving more than 4,800 elementary school students.

For 27 years Partnership 4 Kids have been serving disadvantaged youth, each with their own story of survival, endurance, and a desire to succeed. P4K's mission is to mentor these children for college today, and careers tomorrow. Through a rigorous curriculum and the support of over 400 devoted volunteers providing academic and social mentoring, P4K is helping 5,400 young people to believe in themselves and in a future rooted in education and opportunity. Together we will build a better community by inspiring hope, engaging minds, and preparing our children for college and careers.

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For more information on Partnership 4 Kids or to schedule an interview, call Lori Lundholm at 402-930-3002, or visit www.p4k.org



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Tentative Event Schedule:

2-2:15p.m.: Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

2:15-2:45p.m.: 20th Anniversary Announcement and Recognition of Hobermans

2:45-3p.m.: Recite Student and Parent Mottos

3-3:15pm: Student Medal Award Ceremony

3:15-3:30p.m.: Student and Family Prize Drawings and Final Remarks

Tentative schedule for interview availability:

1:30p.m.-1:55p.m.

Jerry and Cookie Hoberman, Goal Achievement Program Founders
Deb Denbeck, Partnership 4 Kids President
Partnership 4 Kids Board of Directors
Yolanda Williams, Partnership 4 Kids Elementary Program Director

After 3:30p.m.

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By appointment:

Belvedere Elementary Principal and/or staff