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**THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC, INC.  
WELCOMES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

BETHESDA, Md., Nov. 26, 2008...The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc., a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of local children fighting life-threatening medical conditions, recently welcomed three new member to its Board of Directors: Loretta DeLuca of DelCor Technology Solutions, Inc.; Mike Manatos of Manatos & Manatos and David Porter of Cordia Partners.

“We’re very excited to have Loretta, Mike and David join our Make-A-Wish Foundation® board family,” said Board of Directors Chair Nancy Kfoury. “Already active members of our organization, we are pleased to see them take on this new challenge. Each one brings a unique set of skills and passion to our mission. As we celebrate the Foundation’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we look forward to their collaboration and leadership to ensure a successful future for the organization.”

As a business owner for more than 20 years, Loretta DeLuca brings key business insight and perspective to the Foundation. She is particularly excited for the opportunity to get involved with the annual Kid’s Triathlon event. As a parent, the mission of the Foundation has touched a special place in her heart, which she has instilled in her daughter. For her daughter’s first grade birthday party, she encouraged guests to make

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small monetary contributions to the Foundation in lieu of gifts. Her business background coupled with her dedication to enriching the lives of children will make her an invaluable addition to the board.

Mike Manatos was first introduced to the Foundation as a participant in the annual triathlon more than 10 years ago. That event was the spark that led him to begin speaking on behalf of the Foundation at community events, become a wish-granting volunteer and assume the role of race director for the Make-A-Wish® Kid's Triathlon. He has even pulled his mother into the Make-A-Wish family as she is now an active wish-granting volunteer. His enthusiasm and passion for the Foundation are contagious and he is a top fundraiser helping to fulfill more than 40 wishes for deserving children.

David Porter, a Certified Public Accountant at Cordia Partners with more than 25 years of experience, brings his knowledge and experience to assist the board in making sound financial decisions. Looking forward to sharing the magic of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's mission, he plans to assist as a member of the audit committee, help raise funds and play an integral role in planning the annual Make-A-Wish Golf Classic.

"We are extremely excited to welcome these three outstanding community members to our board," said President & CEO Catherine C. Martens. "Their combined experience and enthusiasm for the Foundation will help take our organization to the next level."

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the Foundation has fulfilled the wishes of nearly 6,000 children in Maryland, the District of Columbia, Delaware and Northern Virginia. For additional information, please visit our Web site at [www.midatlantic.wish.org](http://www.midatlantic.wish.org).