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**PRO-AM TENNIS TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY**

(Lakeland, FL – March 2, 2007) The Achievement Academy (formerly Child Development Center of Polk County) will benefit from the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Am Tennis Tournament, being held the weekend of March 9, 10 and 11. GrayRobinson, Attorneys at Law, is again the corporate sponsor of this event. The tournament will take place at the Lakeland Yacht & Country Club on Saturday and Sunday, and Grasslands Golf & Country Club on Saturday.

The tournament is comprised of 64 players-32 pros and 32 amateurs-for a weekend of very exciting tennis. It brings together many local pros as well as pros from the Tampa Bay and Orlando areas. They will play alongside some of Lakeland's top amateur players, including last year's winners, Kevin Estroff and Nikki Powers, who were teamed with pros Mark Palus and Jackie Trail-Harang, respectively.

We are looking forward to seeing some exciting new pros this year such as Milos Koprivica, who played number one at Florida Southern College and is a former All-American. Another new face this year is Joel Helm, also an All-American at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marian, IN. On the women's side, there are seven new pros this

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year and all have great backgrounds and experience. One pro who is returning after an absence of five years is Lisa Woodbridge Balsera who was a star on her team at the University of South Florida.

A BBQ dinner, auction and the player draw is held on Friday night for all of the players, sponsors and supporters of the Achievement Academy. All of these people are brought together, not only for great tennis, but to support a very worthy cause-the Achievement Academy. The Academy is an early intervention Charter School committed to meeting the needs of children with developmental delays/disabilities. The Academy assists children and their families through education, support, therapy, resources and advocacy, at its three locations in Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow.

For more information about the Achievement Academy or for information regarding Tournament sponsorship or the barbeque dinner, please contact Stacy Williams at 863/ 683-6504.