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Family Services, Inc. and the City of Gaithersburg Kick off the Summer with a Free Children's Music Festival

Gaithersburg, MD --- Family Services, Inc. and the City of Gaithersburg is proud to present the Fourth Annual Musiganza, a free community-based family fun day which will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Gaithersburg City Hall Concert Pavilion and Grounds at 31 S. Summit Avenue in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Geared towards children ages 3-10, this exciting summer festival will feature live musical performances, the Home Depot Craft Pavilion, the Family Services Activity Area, face painting, balloon making and much more. Picnic lunches are welcome or guests can purchase food at the festival.

The June family festival features a diverse mix of Hispanic, children's rock, and stage acts including television's Miss Lori, Baltimore-based children's rock group Milkshake, and Latin American musical group Cantaré. Musiganza promises a day full of music and fun for all ages.

- ❖ Young fans across the country have fallen in love with Miss Lori's boundless energy through her Chicago-based educational arts program and on morning television. "Miss Lori's CAMPUS – Music 'n Movement TOGETHER" includes live interactive performances that are fun for the entire family. They include upbeat tempos and lyrics that are a cinch to sing from her widely popular songs. Everyone in the family will be jumping, counting, wiggling, and giggling while learning to follow directions, take turns, and be a good friend. Please visit Miss Lori's website at www.thecampusinc.com for more information.
- ❖ Back by popular demand will be Baltimore-based Milkshake, a band on a mission: to create great rock music for kids. From the release of their first CD *Happy Songs*, it was clear that Milkshake was an exciting departure from traditional kids' music. Milkshake creates music that appeals to both kids and their parents, even after listening to the same CD five times in a row. Their colorful, energetic videos have been featured in *Noggin's Jack's Big Music Show* and

ToddWorld on Discovery Kids. Please visit Milkshake's website at www.milkshakemusic.com for more information.

- ❖ Cantaré artists Patricia Vergara of Brazil and Cecilia Esquivel of Argentina introduce audiences to the beautiful songs, rhythms and unique instruments of Latin America in an exciting interactive performance. Drawing from the musical heritage of the Caribbean, Central and South America, Cantaré performs an entertaining blend of songs in Spanish and Portuguese while sharing the music's cultural and historical background. Please visit the Cantaré website at www.cantaremusic.com for more information.

The focus of Family Services, Inc. is to foster strong and healthy individuals and families through innovative education, child development and behavioral health services that address needs in the home, school and culturally diverse and evolving community. As the oldest private, nonprofit social service organization in Montgomery County, Family Services knows the importance of neighbors reaching out to neighbors, especially when it comes to ensuring happy, healthy families. For 100 years, Family Services has been meeting the growing and changing needs of all of Montgomery County residents. Now they are taking a day to celebrate Montgomery County's families and children.

Sponsors of the Musiganza include Citibank, Comcast, Social & Scientific Systems, Sheppard Pratt Health Systems, Sandy Spring Bank, Priority Partners, Home Depot, OBA Bank, Direct Electric, Gazette Newspapers, Amerigroup Community Care, LS Associates, Gardeners, The Sheffield Institute for the Recording Arts, and Washington Gas. The festival will be emceed by NBC4 reporter and weekend anchor Eun Yang.

For more information about Musiganza, please visit www.fs-inc.org and click on the Musiganza logo.

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