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MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES HONORS LINDA FREEDE AND DEBBYE JONES WITH BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS

Montgomery County, Texas --- (February 15, 2007) --- Montgomery County Youth Services recently honored Linda Freede and Debbye Jones with 2006 Bridge Builder Awards at the MCYS annual meeting.

Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS) is a private, not-for-profit counseling agency committed to providing quality social service programs to children and families in crisis throughout Montgomery County.

MCYS honors one staff member and one volunteer each year who have gone above and beyond to help MCYS achieve its vision of being "A child's bridge from challenges today, to achievements tomorrow."

"We are so pleased to honor Linda and Debbye with these awards," said MCYS Executive Director John Bracken. "Their work with MCYS has been phenomenal and this is our way of showing them how truly appreciative we are."

Linda Freede, recipient of the Volunteer Bridge Builder award, was nominated for her outstanding service to the organization, spanning more than 13 years. She has been a member of the board of directors since 1994 and has served as chairman of the board, vice chair and secretary. She also has served as the communications chair of The Woodlands Celebrity Golf Classic, an annual charity event that benefits Montgomery County Youth Services, since 1995.

Debbye Jones, recipient of the Staff Bridge Builder award, was nominated because of her outstanding dedication to MCYS over the years. Jones serves as the assistant to the executive director and has worked for MCYS for more than 10 years.

Montgomery County Youth Services, A United Way Agency, provides youth and family counseling, substance abuse education and prevention services, community outreach programs, Face to Face mentoring program and a residential program for homeless youth throughout Montgomery County. MCYS also is a beneficiary of the Community Development Block Grant.

For more information about Montgomery County Youth Services, please call 936-756-8682 or visit www.youthmc.org.

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Photo Caption: Linda Freede and Debbye Jones were recently awarded Bridge Builder Awards for their outstanding commitment to Montgomery County Youth Services in 2006. Pictured from L to R: MCYS Executive Director John Bracken, Volunteer Bridge Builder Recipient Linda Freede, Staff Bridge Builder Recipient Debbye Jones and MCYS Chairman of the Board Walter Cooke.