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### **CFHLA RECOGNIZED BY OCPS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION**



CFHLA Cares Program Volunteers collect donations for homeless students

ORLANDO, FL. (April 22, 2009) – The Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association will receive from Orange County Public School the ‘Outstanding Partners in Education Award for the 2008 - 2009 school year. This award recognizes CFHLA as an example of a partnership that is making a positive difference for education in Central Florida.

CFHLA will be recognized for its ‘CFHLA Cares’ Program that collects donations for homeless students in Orange and Osceola counties. At a recent ‘CFHLA Cares’ collection drive filled one school bus and two moving vans. Nearly 3,000 transient students currently attend classes in Orange and Osceola County.

CFHLA is the only organization to receive the district partner’s award from OCPS twice. In 2005, CFHLA received this award for the CFHLA ‘Adopt-A-School’ Program which promotes community partnerships with Central Florida schools and the hospitality industry. Over 90 partnerships have flourished under this program with Orange, Osceola and Seminole County schools.

The award ceremony will occur on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at SeaWorld Adventure Park, Orlando in the Nautilus Theater.

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