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**Junior League of Morristown Grant Makes
Waves with Special Needs Kids**
**Lakeland Hills YMCA Offers One-on-One Swim Program
For Children with Special Needs**

*****PHOTOS OF iSNAP STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTOR AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST*****

(Morristown, NJ) – March 4, 2009 – The Junior League of Morristown, Inc. filled a gap of a previously unknown and unmet need in the county when it granted the Lakeland Hill YMCA \$2,500 for a program called iSNAP. The YMCA anticipated there would be interest, but was surprised when its two classes were filled to capacity with 40 people on the wait list.

iSNAP stands for Individuals With Special Needs Aquatic Program. 50 children from across Morris County with a range of special needs enrolled in the class, including children with Downs Syndrome, Autism, a very rare bone disease and mitochondrial disorders, among others.

“Without this program, children with special needs do not have an option to explore their physical capabilities in a safe and encouraging setting. We are thrilled to partner with the Y for this critical opportunity,” says Chris Colby, Junior League of Morristown President. “Our Junior League mission is to build better communities by promoting voluntarism and improving the communities of Morris and Somerset Counties. iSNAP does just that.”

The Lakeland Hills YMCA is already known for its highly competitive swim program. The Y serves nine towns and cities across Morris County.

“The iSNAP program has brought a whole new perspective to our established Y aquatics program,” says Lakeland Hills YMCA CEO and President Jim McCrudden.

"We talk about the Y being today's 'community center' and with programs like iSNAP, we truly are a place for families in Morris County."

Due to popular demand, the Lakeland Hills YMCA is planning a second round of iSNAP classes this spring. For more information on iSNAP, contact the Lakeland Hills YMCA at 973-334-2820.

For more information about the Junior League of Morristown, Inc. current projects or for information on membership, go to www.jlmnj.org