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## NEWS ADVISORY

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## Spring Retreat Brings Rest and Respite to Families Battling Cancer

**WHAT:** For most families, spring is a time for sports, picnics and increased activities, but for some very special families from MD, VA and DC, this weekend will be a much needed time to slow down and enjoy some much needed relaxation. Special Love, Inc., a non-profit organization for children with cancer and their families, is hosting Spring Family Weekend. Though the weekend provides an environment for families of children with cancer to interact with other families who share similar challenges, the focus of the retreat is to encourage attendees to relax and enjoy a respite from battling cancer while enjoying the outdoors. Weekend activities include classes on woodworking, crafts, hiking, canoeing and fishing. Discussion groups for parents and caregivers are offered on both Saturday and Sunday. A traditional fireside sing-a-long is also scheduled on Friday evening.

**WHEN:** April 23-25, 2004

Please contact Dave Smith at 888-930-2702 or Candace Street at (703) 392-9461 to schedule a visit to Camp. Local markets campers, counselors and Special Love representatives will be available for interviews during and after the weekend.

**WHERE:** Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, 600 4-H Center Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630

**WHO:** Special Love hosts Spring Family Weekend as an opportunity for families with children with cancer to get away and enjoy the fellowship and experiences of other families who share similar situations. More than 40 families from Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC plan to attend the weekend.

**WHY:** Special Love Inc., provides more than 20 programs throughout the year for children with cancer and their families. Through weeklong adventures, such as Camp Fantastic, children with cancer ages 7-17 are encouraged to take advantage of activities and friendships that allow them to enjoy the often-postponed happiness of childhood.

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