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***City of Birmingham Mayor's Office-Division of Youth Services
Presents Discovery Clubs of Alabama with Programs That Work Award.***

This City of Birmingham Mayor's Office-Division of Youth Services (DYS) is honored to recognize ***Discovery Clubs of Alabama*** as its first Programs That Work Award recipient of 2008!

The award was presented to the organization on DYS' Spotlight on Youth TV Show on Bright House Networks Channel 4. The public can tune in for the special presentation throughout the month of April on Mondays at 7:30p.m., Thursdays at 9:30p.m., and Fridays at 5:00p.m. The show will also be available on Digital On-Demand Channel 1040 on Bright House.

Discovery Clubs of Alabama is an after-school program headed by, John Glasser. The program takes a biblical approach to teaching youth about character development and morals. Staff and volunteers work closely with local houses of faith, school principals, and parents to make participation easy and accessible for students.

Through age-appropriate activities and exercises, program participants learn about positive options that may help them to make better choices when faced with tough decisions. One parent commented, "My child's character has improved. She seems more excited about life." Another stated, "My child is now more outgoing and talks a lot about the Bible and how people should treat each other."

Programs That Work highlights programs that are making a tangible difference in the lives of Birmingham's youth. DYS will continue to recognize 501(c)(3) organizations that offer programs and services in the following areas: Mentoring, Faith-Based Initiatives, Education, Family Services, Health & Wellness, Workforce Development, Cultural Arts, and Athletics & Recreation. If you know of a great youth-related program that deserves to be recognized, we invite you to nominate it for our Programs That Work Award.

For more information about Programs That Work, contact DYS Executive Director Cedric D. Sparks, Sr. or Beverly Meadows, DYS Public Information Officer, at 205-320-0879. To learn more about Discovery Clubs of Alabama, contact Danette Dugger-Burkhalter at 205-941-9852.

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