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CAN YOU SPELL S-C-H-O-L-A-R-S-H-I-P-S?

WORTHINGTON, Ohio, March 10, 2010 - Can you spell "scholarships"? Leadership Worthington hosting its annual Youth and Adult Team Spelling Bees, **Wednesday, March 24th at Worthington Kilbourne High School auditorium, 1499 Hard Road. The youth program begins at 4:30 pm; the adult program at 6 pm.**

Business leaders throughout the community and surrounding area generously support both events. Proceeds from the Bees go to student scholarships for Leadership Worthington's adult, high school and 8th grade programs.

"This is such an exciting annual event," boasts Joan Bird, Leadership Worthington's Executive Director. "Everyone has a great time working in teams, supporting fun learning environments, and raising money for future leadership students," explains Bird.

Judges for this year's Adult Team Bee are Dr. Anthony Lordo, DDS; Marc Share, of Worthington School Board; and, Chief Scott Highley, of City of Worthington Fire Department. Master of Ceremonies is Amy Donovan, of 93.3 WLZT Fm radio station.

Judges for this year's Youth Team Bee are Sarah Cofer with Worthington Libraries, and Steve Putka with United Methodist Children's Home. Master of Ceremonies is Dr. Shirley Hamilton, Director of Pupil Services for Worthington Schools.

Teams of three compete in each Bee, with a fourth team member serving as alternate. Local businesses sponsor the teams. Students from all Worthington district elementary and middle schools are eligible, and are coordinated at their schools. Winning team prizes are awarded and all Youth participants take home a gift for participating, all prizes donated from local business leaders..

Students in a Leadership Worthington adult class initiated the Adult Bee 17 years ago, while the Youth Bee, jointly sponsored by Worthington Education Foundation and Leadership Worthington, is celebrating its second year.

This year's team sponsors are: Cardinal Health; Worthington Education Foundation; Ohio Contemporary Chinese School; OCLC; Clark Schaefer, Hackett & Company; Worthington Kilbourne High School PTO; Tilton's Automotive Service; Allstate Insurance, Kathi Reddy, Agent; Healthy Worthington Coalition; Dr. Tony Lordo, DDS; Greater Worthington Area Realtors Association; First Place Bank; Allstate Insurance, John Butler, Agent; Friends of the Worthington Libraries; State Farm Insurance, Bill Alsnauer, Agent; and Leadership Worthington Board of Trustees.

Leadership Worthington is a non-profit organization helping to develop individual and group leadership potential.

The event is open to the public and refreshments served. For more information, call Leadership Worthington at 614-883-3057 or visit the website at www.leadershipworthington.org.