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THORNWELL'S BOARD OF VISITORS PRESENTS THE 2008 DISTINGUISHED BENEFACTOR'S AWARD AND THE 2008 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

April 28, 2008, Clinton, SC – On Thursday, April 24, Mrs. Dorothy “Dottie” Fuqua was recognized as Thornwell’s 2008 Distinguished Benefactor, and Ms. Melinda Lee “Lindy” Scott was presented the 2008 Distinguished Service Award during a dinner presentation given by Thornwell’s Board of Visitors Chairman, Harris Murray.

“The Board of Visitors of Thornwell Home for Children gratefully honors Mrs. Dorothy Chapman Fuqua as Distinguished Benefactor in recognition of her faithful advocacy for the health and well-being of children and her gracious stewardship in providing The Fuqua-Northwest Presbyterian Church Conference Center located on the campus at Thornwell,” stated Chairman Murray as she presented Mrs. Fuqua with a plaque and a bouquet of fresh flowers.

“Thank you all,” Mrs. Fuqua replied. “I didn’t know I had accomplished so much.”

Mrs. Fuqua and her late husband, J. B. Fuqua, have devoted their lives to embodying the principle that those whom God has called are “blessed by God in order to be a blessing to others.” As people who share a great love of life and beauty, the Fuquas have given the gifts of opportunity to countless people through their support of music and the arts, quality healthcare, educational institutions, parks and botanical gardens, and of course, Thornwell Home for Children.

In a surprise presentation, to Ms. Lindy Scott, a second plaque and bouquet was presented by Chairman Murray, honoring Lindy for her 27 years of service to the children of Thornwell.

“The Board of Visitors of Thornwell Home for Children presents the Distinguished Service Award to Melinda Lee “Lindy” Scott in grateful recognition of her twenty-seven years as a social worker, Director of Training and Social Work, Vice President for Children and Family Ministries, and her exemplary Christian leadership in providing safe and compassionate residential care for the children of Thornwell.”

“I’d like to thank the children, said Lindy. “I’d like to thank them for allowing me to be a part of their lives, and I’d also like to thank Mrs. Fuqua for the way she carries the care and well-being of our children in her heart.”

Thornwell Home for Children is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a joyful Christian community offering hope and wholeness to children and families.

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