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**OPERATION SMILE CO-FOUNDERS DR. BILL AND KATHY MAGEE
NAMED AS NORFOLK'S FIRST CITIZENS**

*The Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk to Present the Distinguished Service Award Medal
at Gala on March 1*

Who: This year, the Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk is awarding its Distinguished Service Award medal to Operation Smile Co-founders, Dr. Bill and Kathy Magee. The Magees are the 80th recipients of the Norfolk's First Citizen award. **Attendees will include Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim, Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, Portsmouth Mayor Dr. James Holley III, Judge Robert and Dorothy Doumar, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Thomas and Tidewater Community College President Dr. Deborah DiCroce.**

After nominations are submitted by the general public, the First Citizens are selected each year by a group of non-Cosmopolitan Club of Norfolk citizens. This has been an annual event since 1928. Past recipients of the "First Citizen Award" include George C. Cawley in 2006, Irvine B. Hill in 2000, Peter G. Decker Jr. in 1998, and Robert C. Nusbaum in 1996.

Where: Norfolk Waterside Marriot in downtown Norfolk, Va.

When: Saturday, March 1, 2008, at 6:00 pm

About Operation Smile (www.operationsmile.org)

Founded in 1982, Operation Smile, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, is a worldwide children's medical charity whose network of global volunteers are dedicated to helping improve the health and lives of children and young adults. Since its founding, Operation Smile volunteers have treated more than 115,000 children born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities.

In addition to contributing free medical treatment, Operation Smile trains local medical professionals in its 26 partner countries and leaves behind crucial equipment to lay the groundwork for long-term self-sufficiency.

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