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GlaxoSmithKline to Present
2nd Annual Hubert J.P. Schoemaker Classic to Benefit Melmark

Berwyn, PA, September 2007- For the second year in a row, GlaxoSmithKline will be the Presenting Sponsor of the Hubert J.P. Schoemaker Classic, a golf event scheduled for October 22, 2007 at Waynesborough Country Club, White Manor Country Club and Stonewall. Proceeds from this event will benefit Melmark, the Berwyn based not-for-profit organization that serves children and adults with special needs.

The Hubert J.P. Schoemaker Classic honors the memory of Hubert J.P. Schoemaker, Ph.D., a visionary leader of the region's biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Schoemaker was the founder of several biotechnology companies including Centocor and Neuronyx, He was also a mentor and advisor to many of the Philadelphia region's leading biotechnology and pharmaceutical executives. In addition to his leadership in the life sciences field, Dr. Schoemaker also served on the Board of Directors for Melmark where he was a strong advocate of Melmark's mission and programs.

"Hubert was the heart and soul of the Philadelphia biotech industry. The exceptional support brought by GlaxoSmithKline and the region's life sciences community speaks to the stature of the man we are honoring," says Lee Ahrensdorf, President of Ahrensdorf & Associates and event Founder and Co-Chairman.

Jean-Pierre Garnier, Ph.D., CEO of GlaxoSmithKline, and Honorary Chairman of the Hubert J.P. Schoemaker Classic describes his late personal friend as a man who "epitomized the definition of a true leader and a pioneer with his undying passion and spirit in making our area a haven for entrepreneurs and innovation. In addition to my close personal friendship with Hubert, we shared a similar vision about creating and developing the Philadelphia region as a world-class center of excellence for the biotech and pharmaceutical industries. Hubert's great spirit and endless optimism inspired so many of us. Raising funds for a cause so dear to Hubert is a great source of inspiration and a most fitting tribute," said Dr. Garnier.

Joanne Gillis-Donovan, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Melmark noted that the proceeds of this year's Schoemaker Classic would be used to support a renovation and capital project for Melmark's Adult Day Program. She added, "The entire Melmark organization is most grateful for the exceptional support of GlaxoSmithKline, Dr. Garnier's continued leadership and the dedication of the Hubert J.P. Schoemaker Classic Advisory Board. The extraordinary outcome of these efforts is a true testament to Hubert's life and his legacy".

For further information about the Hubert J.P. Schoemaker Classic, sponsorship opportunities, or Gala Dinner and Auction information, please visit www.melmark.org and follow the link to the Schoemaker Classic site.