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Jay Ferro speaks to family and friends at the Dedication of Priscilla's Garden

## “Priscilla’s Garden”

### OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AT BIG CREEK ELEMENTARY

Priscilla Ferro was an active parent volunteer at Big Creek Elementary where her sons, Trey and Connor, went to school. Both Priscilla and her husband, Jay, were looking forward to their youngest son, Alex, starting kindergarten and having all three of their boys at Big Creek. Unfortunately, in January 2007, Priscilla lost her eighteen-month battle with cervical cancer. Priscilla had focused much of her remaining time on her sons’ future, of which Big Creek played a large part. With an idea in mind, Priscilla approached Jay about requesting that donations be sent to Big Creek in lieu of flowers at her funeral. From these and other donations, “Priscilla’s Garden” grew. A novel outdoor classroom; what began as a dream for Priscilla and Jay became a reality at the Dedication of the outdoor classroom on Sunday, October 14th. “Priscilla’s Garden” outdoor classroom is located in an open lawn area between the 1931 building and the newer kindergarten wing located at the rear of the school.

“The entire staff at Big Creek Elementary has been wonderful,” said Jay. “I am extremely grateful to everyone at

the school who supported me and our sons as well as making the dream of ‘Priscilla’s Garden’ a reality. I would also like to thank everyone who donated to this project, especially Roberson’s Landscapes for donating a majority of the materials and labor to build the outdoor classroom and B.L. Mullinax for donating some of the plants and trees. The outdoor classroom has truly been created with the contributions of many and I am very grateful.”

In honor of Priscilla, Jay has formed “Priscilla’s Promise,” an organization dedicated to: educating women about cervical cancer; making women aware that they need to get regular checkups and ask about prescreening available to detect cervical cancer; funding research for a cure for cervical cancer; and, assisting women and their families affected by cervical cancer.

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