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GIRLS ON THE RUN RAISES MONEY FOR NORTH IREDELL PARK

On Thursday, June 17, 2010, the Girls on the Run from Harmony Elementary School will present a check in the amount of \$467.83 to the Iredell County Recreation Advisory Committee, for the new North Iredell Park, located on Bussell Road, just north of North Iredell High School.

As part of their Girls on the Run curriculum, Harmony Elementary chose North Iredell Park for their community service project. The girls decorated posters to promote their fundraising efforts and jars to collect money. These collection jars were placed in every classroom at Harmony Elementary and the girls held a contest for the classroom that raised the most money.

A cookie party was held for the classroom which raised the most dollars. (Miss Clanton's classroom raised the most money and won the cookie party!) The contest helped motivate the students to commit to the community service project. The girls succeeded in raising a total of \$467.83 in just 2 weeks!

Michelle Hepler, the Girls on the Run coach at Harmony Elementary and employee of Iredell County Parks and Recreation said, "The girls came up with some really great ideas before selecting this as their final project. These girls are excited to contribute to the new park and were really motivated to help their community!"

North Iredell Park will be located on 57 acres in the Central Northern part of the county, just west of Interstate 77 and a short distance from North Iredell High School. Iredell County Parks and Recreation expects the park will be used for public and school activities. The main goals for the park are to meet the recreation needs for the community, preserve the natural character of the land and to provide sports facilities to attract tournament play. The park will include facilities for many sports including volleyball, basketball, soccer, football, and baseball. Also included in the plan are a disc golf course and a dog park. Most importantly to the Girls on the Run however, is the 1 ½ miles of running/walking trails!

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North Iredell Park is currently raising funds for the park and accepting donations. All donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to North Iredell Park Fund at Iredell County Parks and Recreation P.O. Box 788 Statesville, NC 28687.

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