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**Dick Hoyt Joins Sassafras Fundraising Initiative**  
*Inspirational Event to Raise Money for All Children's Playground*

**Raleigh, N.C. – March 24, 2010 –**

Dick Hoyt will be speaking at Koka Booth Amphitheatre Saturday, April 10, 2010. Dick's inspirational "Yes You Can" message stems from his relationship with son, Rick, who was diagnosed as a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. Rick, who is unable to walk or traditionally speak, asked his father if he could participate in a five-mile benefit run at the age 10. Dick obliged, pushing Rick in his wheelchair the entire way, allowing Rick to not feel handicapped for the first time. Together, they trained and have since completed over 1,000 races including marathons, duathlons and triathlons.

The event will raise funds for Sassafras All Children's Playground who have a similar message to support: "Together We Can: Build a Lifetime of Memories." Conveniently located at Laurel Hills Park, at the corner of Glen Eden Drive and Edwards Mill Road, Sassafras will take the place of the existing All Children's Playground built nearly 20 years ago. The play space, which is being designed for children of all abilities, is scheduled for construction in Spring 2011.

**Dick Hoyt Event Details:**

- April 10, 2010 – Doors at 6 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. – Koka Booth Amphitheatre, Cary, NC
- Children's activities including face painting and a magic show
- Music by Crush, the best in Classic R&B, Pop, Rock and Soul in the Southeast
- Presentations by Dick Hoyt and Sassafras
- Tickets available through Ticketmaster or through Koka Booth Amphitheatre; tickets start at \$15, children under 16 receive complimentary lawn tickets

For more information about the playground, how to volunteer and upcoming events, please visit <http://sassafrasplay.org>.



*In partnership with the city of Raleigh's Parks and Recreation Department.*

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*The Frankie Lemmon Foundation is a non-profit organization qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations should be made to Frankie Lemmon Foundation and referenced Sassafras in the memo. Donations are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law.*