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## **NESTLÉ WATERS DONATES TO LEE PUBLIC LIBRARY** *\$10,000 Contribution Helps Equip and Furnish New Facility*

LEE, FL – The Nestlé Waters Madison County Bottling Facility today made a \$10,000 contribution toward equipping and furnishing the new Lee Public Library. The money represents 25 percent of Madison County’s original goal of \$40,000 that is being raised from individuals and businesses in the area.

“Nestlé Waters has a proud history of strong community involvement and good corporate citizenship,” said Rob Fisher, Supply Chain Manager. “We believe the Lee Public Library is a wonderful example of private companies working with local government to promote education and create a local center for learning.”

Madison County received state grant funding to construct the new, 5,200-square-foot facility adjacent to Lee Elementary School on U.S. 90. However, it was left to the local citizens to raise the money for books, computers, desks and other amenities. With local government budgets strained during the recent recession, interested citizens created Friends of the Lee Public Library Inc. to reach out to local businesses and individuals for help in the effort.

“The Friends of the Library have worked hard helping us bring this new facility on line,” said Regional Library Director J.D. “Danny” Hales, Jr. “We appreciate the outstanding support from Nestlé Waters and all of our donors. Together, we will deliver to the people of Lee a first-class library all of us can be proud of.”

Hales said that, with the check from Nestlé Waters, the Lee Public Library is nearly 80 percent of the way toward the original \$40,000 goal. The library is expected to open in late January of 2010.

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