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Sean Tuohy to Speak at *A Place to Call Home* Fundraiser

February 11, 2010 - Greensboro, N.C. – Sean Tuohy, adoptive father of Michael Oher whose life story is featured in *The Blind Side*, will share his family's story of adoption at the Children's Home Society of North Carolina annual fundraising luncheon - *A Place to Call Home* - on May 20, 2010 in Greensboro.

"Sean was an American success story: he had come from nothing and made himself rich," wrote Michael Lewis in *The Blind Side*, the best-selling book that inspired the major motion picture starring Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw. *The Blind Side* tells the story of Michael Oher, a homeless teenager turned first-round draft pick NFL football player, with the support and love of the Tuohy family. Sean Tuohy, Michael's adoptive father, was a record-breaking basketball player before becoming a successful entrepreneur and NBA broadcaster.

"It's easy to beat a kid up. The hard thing is to build him up," Sean says. With that philosophy in mind, Sean and his wife Leigh Anne brought Michael into their home, supported him through school, and eventually adopted him as their son. As a speaker, Sean invites audiences to go behind-the-scenes of the Tuohy household. From the perspective of a dedicated father and inspirational coach, Sean asks all of us to consider these simple questions, "How many kids just like Michael Oher are falling through the cracks every day? And how can we make an impact big enough to change a broken system?"

The *A Place to Call Home* luncheon offers a program designed to inspire individuals to support the mission of Children's Home Society. Through personal stories, this fundraiser presents a wonderful opportunity to help Children's Home Society find permanent, safe, and loving homes for children.

The 2010 *A Place to Call Home* luncheon will be held May 20, 2010 at 11:30 am in Greensboro. Individuals interested in more information should call 1-800-632-1400 or visit www.chsnc.org

For more information on Sean Tuohy, please visit www.apbspeakers.com

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