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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Veterans Memorial Features *Rachel's Challenge Community Event***

**(Columbus, GA)**-On April 20, 1999, Rachel Scott was the first person killed in a Columbine High School shooting spree in Colorado. Veterans Memorial Middle School will feature *Rachel's Challenge*, a community event, at the Northside High School auditorium, 2002 American Way, on Thursday, August 26, 2010, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to help raise awareness, prevent and reduce violence, suicides, and bullying.

*Rachel's Challenge*, which was started by her family, is one of the most life-changing school programs in America using her acts of kindness, compassion, and contents of her six diaries to help save lives. In 2007, Rachel's Challenge reportedly prevented a planned school shooting in at least three known instances.

The special event is sponsored by a grant from the Sprint Foundation and Character Education Program. **Parents are advised the presentation may not be suitable for small children.** Graphic images and content will be used from the Columbine shooting.

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