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**USA Gold Medalist Shawn Johnson
Receives Coca-Cola “Live Positively Award”
During Olympic Games in Beijing**

BEIJING, August 21, 2008 – American gymnast Shawn Johnson, who this week capped her Olympic Games debut with a gold medal performance on the balance beam, today received the 2008 Coca-Cola “Live Positively Award” during ceremonies at the Coca-Cola Shuang Experience Center in Beijing.

The Coca-Cola Live Positively Awards celebrate those who make positive choices and strive to better themselves, their communities and others in their everyday lives, through actions that uphold the ideals of the Olympic Games.

Johnson, 16, was cited for her “selflessness and optimism” during the award ceremonies here Thursday.

After collecting three silver medals at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, Johnson captured gold Tuesday, scoring 16.225 in the balance beam, the final women’s gymnastics event. She earlier placed second in both the women’s individual all-around competition and the floor exercise. Johnson and her USA teammates also won a silver medal in the women’s team event.

Johnson recorded her gold medal victory Tuesday in her favorite event, despite experiencing a headache and stomach problems just moments before her routine.

It was not the first time Johnson overcame adversity this year in her quest for success at the Olympic Games. Last June, flooding heavily damaged her hometown gym in West Des Moines, Iowa, disrupting Johnson’s final preparations for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Gymnastics. Johnson and her coach, Liang Qiao, temporarily moved her training to Iowa State University, 45 minutes away. The 4-foot-9, 94-pound Johnson also was discouraged by Liang and others from lifting the heavy sandbags that residents were using to try to protect the gym and their town from the rising waters.

A little more than a week later, Johnson finished No. 1 at the women’s team trials in Philadelphia, automatically qualifying for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Women’s Gymnastics Team.

Johnson, who enters her junior year of high school this fall, has trained for more than a decade at the Iowa gym of Liang Qiao, a former Chinese national team gymnast from Beijing. In addition to her four medals at the 2008 Olympic Games, Johnson is the

reigning women's gymnastics world champion. In 2007, she won the all-around title in every event she entered: the Tyson American Cup, the Pan American Games, the Visa National Championships and the World Championships. Johnson also won her second straight national championship last May.

October 17, 2007, was proclaimed "Shawn Johnson Day" across her home state of Iowa.

2008 Live Positively Honorees

The 2008 Coca-Cola Live Positively Award ceremonies during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games honor the following individuals, families and organizations: Dr. Reinhold Lopatka, of Austria (Aug. 9); Jean-Claude Killy, of France (Aug. 10); Ronald McDonald House Charities China (Aug. 11); Xin Jing, of China (Aug. 12); Svetlana Zhurova, of Russia (Aug. 14); the Lopez family, of the United States (Aug. 15); Special Olympics, represented by Nadia Comaneci (Aug. 16); Davis Phinney, of the United States (Aug. 17); Yang Ming, of China, and The William E. Simon Endowment for the Support of Athletes, represented by Donna de Varona (Aug. 18); He Zhen Liang, of China (Aug. 19); Donnie Pei, of China (Aug. 20); Shawn Johnson, of the United States (Aug. 21); volunteers for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (Aug. 22); and Liu Xiang, of China (Aug. 23).

Beijing presentations of the Coca-Cola Live Positively Awards take place at 6:00 p.m. daily through August 23 inside the Coca-Cola Shuang Experience Center, located across from the International Broadcast Center.

No award ceremony was held August 13, when the Shuang Experience Center hosted the world premiere of the new Coca-Cola "Environmental Champions" film documentary. The film profiles the environmental achievements of seven torchbearers selected by Coca-Cola for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Torch Relay.

The Live Positively Awards are a feature of the "Live Olympic on the Coke Side of Life" campaign for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The campaign centers on the Olympic spirit of positivity in daily life.

Further information about the Coca-Cola Live Positively Awards is available at the following Web site:

http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/presscenter/presskit_olympicgames2008_live_positively.html

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NOTE TO EDITORS: All credentialed media are invited to attend the daily “Live Positively Awards” ceremony August 9-23 at the Coca-Cola “Shuang Experience Center,” on the Olympic Green in Beijing. Ceremonies commence at 6:00 p.m. Award recipients will be available for interviews and photo opportunities. No award ceremony was scheduled for August 13.

Additional details and digital images relating to the Coca-Cola Live Positively Awards, as well as the Coca-Cola partnership with the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, are available at The Coca-Cola Company online press center:

www.thecoca-colacompany.com/presscenter/presskit_olympicgames2008_overview.html

Information about Coca-Cola China programs for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games:

www.coca-cola.com.cn/shuangcity