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PHILANTHROPIST MAKES $4 MILLION SCHOOL AVAILABLE TO ANASAZI FOUNDATION IF INITIAL OPERATING CAPITAL CAN BE RAISED

Florida Philanthropist, Ron Woods, has made available to ANASAZI Foundation a residential school formally known as the Bootstrap Ranch on 60, outside of Bozeman, Montana. The school was constructed in 1998 as a non-profit residential high school for inner city youth. ANASAZI was chosen by Mr. Woods because of its approach and long history of successful outcomes. "It is a beautiful facility that would make it possible for ANASAZI to serve families with long-term needs," says Mike Merchant, President of ANASAZI Foundation, a nationally accredited outdoor behavioral healthcare (OBH) provider. "This is a tremendous opportunity for us."

To take advantage of this opportunity and to be prepared to open an ANASAZI school on the property by fall, the foundation must raise an additional $700,000 in donations by the end of May. "We realize this is a short window of time; however, we are making every effort reach this objective," reports Merchant.

The property and facilities would be used to provide therapeutic and educational opportunities to youth with drug and alcohol addictions, severe family conflicts, depression, attachment issues, and learning differences. "Our dream is to provide a school that would serve the specific needs of youth who have participated in wilderness programs—a school that would honor, develop, and build on their accomplishments and awakenings in the wilderness," says ANASAZI founder Ezekiel Sanchez. "We are

looking for individuals and corporations who are willing to contribute to helping more families walk a happier life."

Additional competencies of the school would be to serve youth with attachment disorders and learning differences. "Attachment disorders and learning differences are often the root cause of behavioral issues in adolescents," says Merchant. "Too often, attachment disorders and learning differences go undiagnosed and untreated, thus, making it nearly impossible to effectively address behavioral issues."

According to Merchant, "Youth with attachment disorders and learning differences function well in outdoor therapy programs. However, in many cases without continued care to help them transition back into their homes, schools, and communities, the ability to sustain changes is minimized."

To serve this need, ANASAZI has commitments for collaboration, complimentary programming, and support for this endeavor from other non-profit enterprises, including the Lee Pesky Learning Center in Boise Idaho, Three Rivers Montana in Bozeman, Montana, and Steve Young's Forever Young Foundation.

The school will utilize a tutorial model. Treatment and education will be individualized. The programs offered at the school will be philosophically and therapeutically consistent with The ANASAZI Way—a proven and effective approach developed by ANASAZI Founders that builds on individual and family strengths and focuses on facilitating a change of heart resulting in a change of behavior. "ANASAZI Foundation has been successfully helping families for more than 15 years," states Robert Weimer, a Three Rivers Montana co-founder. "The level of training and quality of care provided by ANASAZI is a standard in the industry."

In addition to meeting all state and local licensing requirements, the school will operate under the same accreditation standards as ANASAZI Foundation. ANASAZI Foundation is Nationally Accredited through the Council on Accreditation and is currently in review

for JCAHO Accreditation. The educational curriculum will be accredited through the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

Use of the property is contingent upon raising the needed working capital. ANASAZI Foundation is actively soliciting contributions. To make a donation or obtain additional information, please contact Mike Merchant at 800 678-3445.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ANASAZI FOUNDATION

ANASAZI Foundation (*www.anasazi.org*) is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable nationally accredited level II behavioral healthcare provider. Founded in 1988 by Larry D. Olsen and Ezekiel C. Sanchez, ANASAZI utilizes a sound clinical model, nurturing approach, and the outdoors as a treatment setting for youth 12-17 and young adults 18-25 with substance abuse as well as emotional and behavioral concerns. Headquartered in Mesa, Arizona, the mission of ANASAZI Foundation is to prepare parents and children to turn their hearts to one another and walk in harmony in the wilderness of the world.

THREE RIVERS

Three Rivers Montana (*www.threeriversmontana.org*) is a non-profit outdoor behavioral healthcare program headquartered near Bozeman, Montana. Three Rivers Montana specializes in treating children with behavioral problems, learning differences, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders. Behavioral problems can include drug and alcohol abuse, oppositional behavior, school failure, severe family conflict, and depression. Three Rivers Montana utilizes The ANASAZI Way—a proven clinical model developed by the ANASAZI Foundation. It is now enrolling for summer 2004.

LEE PESKY LEARNING CENTER

The Lee Pesky Learning Center (*www.lplearningcenter.org*) is a non-profit, educational organization specializing in helping individuals with learning disabilities. Its philosophy is that all people can be taught how to learn and deserve to reach their fullest potential in reading, writing and math. Based in Boise, Idaho, the Center opened in 1997 to celebrate the life and accomplishments of the late Lee David Pesky and to offer children and adults opportunities similar to those that helped Lee successfully overcome his learning disabilities. The Center will provide diagnostic tools and assessments and literacy education to therapists, teachers, and behavioral health technicians at ANASAZI, Three Rivers Montana, and the Jackie Weimer School.

RONALD J. WOODS

A former Michigan industrialist, Mr. Woods is the owner/publisher of the Palm Beach Media Group (*www.palmbeachillustrated.com*). After selling his plastics manufacturing business, Thermofil Inc., in 1989, Mr. Woods moved to Palm Beach. He purchased *Palm Beach Illustrated* magazine and its parent company, Palm Beach Media Group in 1991, and has heavily invested in the firm, bringing in extensive business and publishing talent, adding publication titles and upgrading facilities. Under his guidance, Palm Beach Media Group has launched a number of new publications, including *Naples Illustrated* ,*Naples Charity Register*, *Palm Beach Charity Regiser, The Jewel of Palm Beach* (the magazine of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club), *Turnberry* (the magazine of Turnberry Isle Resort & Club), *Traditions* (the magazine of The Breakers resort), *Reflections* (the magazine of the Resort at Longboat Key Beach Club) and the *10th Anniversary Journal* for the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. Woods also supports many children and arts' charities. He is a Notre Dame graduate, is an avid outdoorsman, and enjoys playing tennis.

BOOTSTRAP RANCH

Ron Woods designed, constructed, and launched Bootstrap Ranch in 1998 as a private high school for socio-economically disadvantaged children from all over the country. After operating Bootstrap Ranch for four years (*www.bootstrapranch.com*), Mr. Woods elected to pass the school on to a worthy non-profit organization prepared to use the property for its intended use. Facilities on the property include administrative offices, classrooms, a gymnasium, an industrial kitchen, a cafeteria, activities lodge, barn, dormitories, and staff housing. The Bootstrap Ranch is located on 60 acres just outside of Bozeman, Montana, near Mr. Woods' own private ranch.