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STICC GIVES THANKS/ UPDATE

(April 17, 2008) John D. Reuben, President and Founder of SAVING TEENS® In Crisis Collaborative (STICC), Sudbury, MA, 877-249-1336, announced its first teen has successfully completed both Second Nature Wilderness Program and Willow Creek School, and is now back at home with his family. To assist with 'aftercare', Homeward Bound is providing "Family Transition management". "Many thanks again to our collaborative partners: Second Nature, Willow Creek School, Homeward Bound and Marilyn Engelman for providing services and scholarships to help save this family. Without their support it would not have been possible to provide the comprehensive treatment that this family received."

STAFF MEMBERS LEAVE SECOND NATURE

(April 22, 2008) Leah Halverson, Admissions for Second Nature, Duchesne, UT, 866-205-2500, announced John Karren, Lynn Smith and Karen Hesselman resigned from Second Nature to pursue new endeavors.

JULIANO JOINS CALO

(April 22, 2008) Ken Huey, PhD, CEO of CALO (Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks), Lake Ozark, MO, 573-746-6331, announced the addition of Wayne Juliano as Academic Director. Wayne has worked in education for the past 16 years as a science teacher, curriculum coordinator and K-12 principal.

BCA STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON DC

(April 22, 2008) Paul Johnson, Director of Boulder Creek Academy, Bonners Ferry, ID, 877-348-0848, announced eight students recently travelled to Washington, DC to participate in the Presidential Scholars Program.

WTC JOINS ISPA

(April 22, 2008) Andy Anderson, MRA, Managing Partner of ISPA (Independent Small Programs Alliance), Clearwater, FL, 727-512-9144, announced Wilderness Treatment Center partnered with ISPA. WTC is a 60-day, inpatient, chemical dependency treatment facility for adolescents/young adult males ages 14 to 24.

SILVERADO STUDENTS HELP LOCAL FAMILY

(April 22, 2008) Denise Westman, Director of Admissions for Silverado Boys Ranch, Panguitch, UT, 435-676-8482, announced numerous students from Silverado Boys Ranch recently donated their weekly allowance, their snack-shack money, and even their savings (in some cases from their SBR earnings accounts) to help a local Panguitch family who lost a child in April.

BCA STUDENTS GRADUATE

(April 22, 2008) Paul Johnson, Director of Boulder Creek Academy, Bonners Ferry, ID, 877-348-0848, announced five students graduated Boulder Creek Academy in May.

PARENT COMMENTS ON RANCHO VALMORA

(April 25, 2008) Lisa Rosenberg, a parent, submitted a Letter to the Editor of Strugglingteens.com regarding her experience with Rancho Valmora. Her letter can be found online.

CONSULTANTS TOUR VA & WV SCHOOLS



(April 25, 2008) Kathy Parker Senior Referral Relations for Three Springs, Inc., Huntsville, AL, 434-977-1752, announced several Educational Consultants visited programs in Virginia and West Virginia.

ACADEMY OF THE SIERRAS NAME CHANGE

(April 29, 2008) John Gordon, Chief Marketing & Business Development Officer for Wellspring, Reedley, CA, 617-792-4121, announced Academy of the Sierras, Weight Loss Boarding School, was renamed to Wellspring Academies to reflect focus on wellness and adoption of healthy lifestyle.

NEW THERAPIST AT THREE RIVERS MT

(April 30, 2008) Steve Moore, Clinical Director at Three Rivers Montana, Bozeman, MT, 406-388-5748, announced Evan Rick will join Three Rivers as a Family Therapist on June 1. Evan is highly passionate about working in adventure, wilderness and directly with teens and families.

SOLACIUM LEADERSHIP CHANGES

(April 30, 2008) Dustin Tibbits, Executive Director of New Haven Residential Treatment Center, Spanish Fork, UT, 801-380-4363, announced Anthony Geraci resigned as Solacium's Chief Operations Officer and Chief Marketing Officer, and David Michel will succeed Val Christensen as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Solacium.

HUNTER SCHOOL ESY SUMMER PROGRAM

(April 30, 2008) Tim Tyler, Admissions and Program Manager of the Hunter School, Rumney, NH, 603-786-9427

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ext 26, announced the Hunter School is accepting enrollments for the ESY Summer Program, which runs from July 7 – August 15, 2008. The Hunter School specializes educating students with ADD, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome and related behavioral and emotional issues.

MISSION MOUNTAIN SCHOOL RESPONDS
(May 1, 2008) Colleen Harrington, Assistant School Head for Mission Mountain School, Condon, MT, 406-754-2580, submitted a letter to Congressman Miller regarding the hearings held on HR 5876, with the purpose of addressing inaccuracies in the testimony. The response can be found online.

ANTHONY GERACI SAYS 'THANK YOU'
(May 1, 2008) Anthony Geraci, 281-253-3264, Founder of San Cristobal Ranch Academy, Fulshear Ranch Academy, Transitions of Galveston Island, and former COO of Solacium, submitted a Letter of Thanks to the industry for 10 wonderful, supportive years of service.

NEW CLINICIAN AT LOGAN RIVER ACADEMY
(May 2, 2008) Larry Carter, Executive Director at Logan River Academy, Logan, UT, 435-755-8400, announced Shannon Kegerries has joined the team as a clinician. Shannon has a Masters of Counseling from Pittsburg State University and worked with families in a Truancy Diversion Program for at risk teens.

WHITE MOUNTAIN KAYAK & CLIMBING CAMPS
(May 5, 2008) Ben Mirkin, Director of Summer Programs, The White Mountain School, Bethlehem, NH, 603-444-2928 X72, announced both their Kayak Camp and Climbing Camp for 12-16 year olds will be July 12 – July 19, 2008.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT EXPLORATIONS
(May 5, 2008) Penny James, Owner and Director of Explorations, Trout Creek, MT, 406-827-3863, announced this summer they will again conduct several programs in their Montana Big Sky Summer Adventure, including both a girls' and a boys' summer Wilderness Adventure Course starting June 23, and a 30-day Boys High Adventure Challenge starting July 5.

HALVERSON ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR AT 2N
(May 5, 2008) Brad Reedy, Director of Second Nature Wilderness Program, Duchesne, Utah, 866-205-2500, announced Leah Halverson has been appointed to—and accepted—the Admissions Director position at Second Nature Therapeutic Programs. Halverson has been with Second Nature for eleven years, four as part of the admissions team.

BECKET STUDENTS BECOME DJ FOR A DAY
(May 6, 2008) Julie Gaffey of Becket Family of Services, Orford, NH, 603-359-5951, announced two residents from Becket House at Pike recently had the chance to play "DJ for a Day" at WLTN radio station (96.7) in Littleton, NH. The goal of the trip was to give the boys a taste of what life is like to run a radio station.

NEWS AT OPI
(May 7, 2008) Anne LaRivere, Director of Admissions for OPI (Optimum Performance Institute), Woodland Hills, CA, 888-558-0617, announced Lisa Bove, LCSW, MDiv, a medical social worker at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, joined the team of therapists at the Optimum Performance Institute. Lisa worked as an individual, family and group psychotherapist and received her Masters Degree at USC. Anne also announced OPI hosted Film Maker Aaron Rockett, who visited OPI to discuss his newest documentary "The Fixer: Afghanistan Behind the Scenes".

NEW COMPOSITION OF STICC BOARD
(May 7, 2008) John D. Reuben, President and Founder, SAVING TEENS® In Crisis Collaborative (STICC), Sudbury, MA, 877-249-1336, announced Tamara Ancona, Sharon Levy, Grant Liebersberger and Scott Sells will join Leslie Goldberg, Adam Goldberg and Lon Woodbury as members of the STICC Board of Advisors.

COASTAL MOUNTAIN GOLF TOURNAMENT
(May 7, 2008) Kelley White, Executive Program Director for the Coastal Mountain Youth Academy, San Juan Capistrano, CA, 949-498-7042, a day school for struggling teens, announced their first Annual Caddyshack Golf Tournament will be June 9, 2008, at the San Juan Hills Golf Club.

NEW LEAF APPRECIATES FRIENDS OF FAMILIES
(May 7, 2008) Robbi O'Kelley, MSW, LCSW, of New Leaf Academy of Oregon, Bend, OR, 877-820-5050, submitted a letter regarding services at Friends of Families Foundation's loan process.

TURNABOUT/STILLWATER PARTNERS WITH HOMEWARD BOUND
(May 8, 2008) Peter Henrie, South Jordan, UT, 866-359-4600, announced Turnabout/ Stillwater Academy has partnered with Homeward Bound, to assist families with aftercare services and the transition process of students returning home. Each family is given a Turnabout therapist and a Homeward Bound transition specialist, who work together to create an individualized plan for the student. In addition, families have access to the Family Bridge, an internet based program used for communication between the family and support team.

OK CORRAL GATHERING SET FOR JULY 18
(May 9, 2008) Greg Kersten, Founder of Equine

Assisted Psychotherapy, EAGALA, and now the OK Corral Series, Ephraim, UT, 866-391-6565, announced a gathering, titled the Corral Gathering, will take place July 18, 2008 in Nephi, UT.

OXBOW FEATURED ON VIDEO
(May 9, 2008) CBS7 in Odessa, TX, recorded a two-part series covering teenage porn addiction. The videos feature interviews with students and staff of Oxbow Academy, Wales, UT, 435-436-9460.

VALENTINE JOINS MAPLE LAKE ACADEMY
(May 9, 2008) Patti Hollenbeck-Dial, Admissions Director of Maple Lake Academy, Payson, UT, 801-798-7700, announced Logan Valentine is now the Primary Therapist at Maple Lake Academy. Logan is a licensed therapist who has worked clinically with adolescents over the past thirty years and specializes with Aspergers Syndrome, Non Verbal Learning Disabilities, Autism, Bipolar Disorder, Depressive disorders, substance abuse, Tourette's, trauma, psychosis, and comorbidities with these disorders.

PONCA PINES ACADEMY NOW OPEN
(May 9, 2008) Betsy Jacobson-Warren, Executive Director of Ponca Pines Academy, Omaha, NE, 402-457-1420, announced Ponca Pines Academy is now open and serving at-risk young women, ages 17-19. Ponca Pines Academy students may be dealing with issues around adoption, attachment, substance abuse, mental health disorders, trauma, and poor academic performance. Ponca Pines Academy is a new program of Uta Halee Girls Village, which has successfully worked with at risk youth for more than 50 years.

FRIENDS OF FAMILIES HELPS MANY FAMILIES
(May 9, 2008) Jim Powell and Brandi Elliott, Co-Founders of Friends of Families Foundation, Lake Arrowhead, CA, 951-317-3151, announced since the Foundation's inception in 1998, they are proud to have helped dozens of families in need. In 2007 alone, the Foundation supported six families in need. The Foundation's mission is to assist families in achieving stable and productive family lives by ensuring that the necessary funds are available to enable their children to graduate from participating schools and programs.

HILLSTEAD AT SECOND NATURE
(May 11, 2008) Leah Halverson, Admissions for Second Nature Wilderness Program, Duchesne, UT, 866-205-2500, announced David Hillstead, PhD, has returned to Second Nature after a few years at Willow Springs. Dr. Hillstead will run a treatment specific group for adolescent boys with Learning Disabilities and/ or ADD/HD.

GODDARD AT SECOND NATURE ENTRADA
(May 11, 2008) Leah Halverson, Admissions for Second Nature Wilderness Program, Duchesne, UT, 866-205-2500, announced Paul Goddard, PhD, has returned to Second Nature Entrada. Dr. Goddard specializes in clinically complex adolescent girls.

FFS RESPONDS TO MILLER HEARING
(May 12, 2008) Jeff Brain, MA, Vice President for External Relations and Acting Director of Admissions for Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, submitted a response to the Miller Hearings on Bill HR 5876. The Response can be found online.

HARRISON DIRECTOR OF AIM HOUSE WOMEN
(May 12, 2008) Jude Rudolph, Director of Marketing for AIM House, Boulder, CO, 303-554-0011, announced Linda Harrison, MS, LPC, LCAS, MAC, NCC, is the new Program Director of AIM House Women's program.

SOBER COLLEGE ADDICTIONS WORKSHOP
(May 13, 2008) Sober College, Woodland Hills, CA, 818-917-7903, will present The Road To Recovery, a Professional Development Series, June 26, 2008, at 11:00am - 2:30pm, in Houston, TX. Gabrielle Pelicci, PhD, will be the keynote speaker, with an afternoon discussion panel including Brian Brekke, President of Sober College University, Mike Bayer of Mike Bayer & Associates, Michael Yeager, Contemporary Teaching and Ben Dorrington of Wilderness Treatment Center.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SIGNS OFF ON WILDERNESS THERAPY PROGRAMS
(May 14, 2008) An article in the Salt Lake Tribune announced the House panel signed off on House Bill HR 5876 Wednesday. The bill now goes to the full House for vote.

NEWS AT OPEN SKY
(May 14, 2008) Aaron Fernandes, Executive Director of Open Sky Wilderness Therapy, 970-382-8181, announced Admissions Director, Lauren Lollini, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Lucy Grace, on January 17, 2008, and has now returned to her position at Open Sky. Aaron also announced Dr. Jade Wimberley has joined the team as a Naturopathic Physician. In addition, Open Sky formally introduced the "Family Quest" program, an additional service provided for families who are appropriate to do intensive family-systems work while their student is at Open Sky.

CUSTOM YOUTH SERVICES VISITS WRI
(May 15, 2008) Albert Johnson, Founder of Custom Youth Services, Prineville, OR, 541-447-3383, brought an agent, Richard Archuleta, by the Woodbury Reports

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