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UPDATES AT SILVERADO

(September 12, 2008) October 31st marks the anniversary of Silverado's second year in business. "We are planning an Open House some time next spring to celebrate our accomplishments, show off our new school, and honor those of you who have been so instrumental in our success." In addition, Silverado has added a parent portal for viewing of student pictures and reports, and has a large parent alumni group that remains involved with prospective, new, and current families, "providing support and encouragement for parents throughout the treatment process." For more information about Silverado, contact Denise Westman, 435-676-8482.

BENCHMARK ADDS DBT

(September 15, 2008) Benchmark Young Adult School enhanced the Sober Living and Emotional Growth curriculum to include DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) through the acclaimed series, "From Chaos to Freedom" by Marsha Linehan, PhD. Benchmark's staff and students will all be participating in the training sessions, which will be an adjunct and ongoing process to our emotional growth and addiction curriculum. For further details, please contact the Admissions department at 800-474-4848.

WELLSPRING NC IN THE NEWS

(September 15, 2008) An article featured in knoxnews.com chronicles a young man's positive journey going to Wellsprings Adventure Camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The young man attended eight weeks and reached his weight goal while reducing his body mass index and continues to maintain the lessons he learned while attending. For more information, contact Wellsprings Camps.

POWERS NEW KILDONAN HEADMASTER

(September 16, 2008) Marcie Wistar, Associate Director of Admissions, Amenia, New York, 845-373-2012, is pleased to announce Ben Powers is the new Headmaster at Kildonan School. Ben has been with the school for nine years and has served as Chair of the History Department, Boys' Dorm Head, Orton-Gillingham tutor and College Counselor. Other good news at Kildonan includes the completion of the Athletic Center, with a building dedication set for October 18, 2008. For more information, email Ann Sheeley.

ACADEMY AT SISTERS WELCOMES LEGUYONNE

(September 17, 2008) Stephanie Alvstad, Executive Director of J Bar J Youth Services welcomes Guy LeGuyonne to the Academy at Sisters team in Bend, OR, 800-910-0412. Guy's position will be as Marketing and Admissions Coordinator. He will be working with Denise Kelly-Simpson in the admissions office. The Academy is excited to add Guy's professionalism and experience in the industry to the Academy at Sisters staff.

REMUDA RANCH OPENS PROGRAM FOR BOYS

(September 17, 2008) PRNewswire reports Remuda Ranch Programs for Eating and Anxiety Disorders has opened Reddstone, a Remuda Program for Boys. This is an inpatient program for boys 17 and under who are struggling with anorexia, bulimia and binge-eating disorder.

ACADEMY AT SISTERS STUDENTS COMPLETE SUMMER PEAK EXPERIENCE

(September 17, 2008) Thirty-eight girls from the Academy at Sisters have recently completed their annual summer peak experience. During their five-day camping adventure two groups of students participated in separate experiential curriculum that included rock climbing in Smith Rock State Park, hiking on Mt Hood, rafting the rapids of the Deschutes River, and a great deal of fun. The young women report being excited and rejuvenated as they look forward to the fall term. For information on Academy at Sisters, contact Guy Leguyonne, 800-910-0412.

RED HILL ACADEMY OPENS

(September 17, 2008) – Brad Freed, Executive Director of Red Hill Academy (RHA), announced the grand opening of the new campus-based school program for high school age children with learning challenges and the mild to moderate emotional disturbances that often accompany those challenges. For more information, contact Brad at 415-256-9312 x 131.

RUNGE RETIRES AT FFS

(September 18, 2008) Emmanuel Argiros, president of The Family Foundation School, has announced the retirement of Bob Runge, Human Relations Director. Runge, who previously worked with FFS founders Tony and Betty Argiros, joined the school in 1990 as a Student Advisor after a 20-year career in construction contracting and real estate. He was instrumental in developing a formal admissions process for the school and served as its first Admissions Director. His early promotional efforts included building relationships with educational consultants. As Human Relations Director, he reached out to parents, increasing their role in the recovery process, and functioned as an ombudsman for the staff. Although officially retired, Runge, whose home is on the FFS property, will continue to serve the school as a volunteer working predominantly with the students.

WILLOW CREEK SCHOOL CLOSES

(September 18, 2008) Brad Reedy, Willow Creek School, Provo, UT, 801-377-2215, has issued a letter concerning the recent closure of Willow Creek School. To view this letter in its entirety, visit the StrugglingTeens' website.

LIFE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE'S NEW STAFF

(September 18, 2008) Rob Crawford, CEO at Life Development Institute, Glendale, AZ, 623-773-2774, welcomed new staff to the team at Life Development: Elissa Levine, MC, LPC, is Manager of Program Services with oversight of direct service outreach specialists and residential program staff, Moniecia Hill is joining the LDI team as an Outreach Specialist and Estelle Esposito takes over the function of Resource Support Coordinator. In addition, both Rob Crawford and Veronica Crawford presented workshops at the Southern Utah NATSAP conference.

FINAL FRIENDS IN CRISIS RETREAT OF 2008

(September 18, 2008) The final Friends in Crisis retreat will be held October 23-25 in the Heartlight Conference Center, on the 100-acre wooded campus located near Longview, TX. The retreat will focus on what may be causing your teenager to spiral downward, how to stop this freefall to disaster, how to intervene and deal with specific situations and capably provide the appropriate response to intense arguing, anger, defiance, and rebellion. To register, call 903-668-2173, email Mark Gregston.

CHANGES AT SHADOW MOUNTAIN

(September 18, 2008) Trilby Hoover, Admissions Director at Shadow Mountain Academy, Taos, NM, 435-836-3022, announced several happenings at Shadow Mountain. They are celebrating the program's one-year anniversary. Ann Bruno, MED, stepped into the role of Program Director. Jim Myklebust, MA, and Trilby Hoover have joined the team in the admissions and business departments. In addition, Executive Director Dana Taylor had a new baby daughter, Elizabeth McNeil.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT OLIVERIAN

(September 18, 2008) Oliverian welcomed the largest student body group ever to walk through Oliverian doors on the first day of school, September 7, 2008. In addition, Oliverian now offers Honors Curriculum in: English, History, Physics, Calculus, and Spanish. The Oliverian School is an alternative college preparatory program crafted for students who struggle in traditional settings. For more information, contact Mike Doherty at 603-989-5100.

NEW JEWISH CLASSES AT FFS

(September 18, 2008) The Family Foundation School is offering two new classes for Jewish students. Rabbi Michele Medwin who conducts Jewish services at the school now offers a Beginning Hebrew class specifically for Jewish students who did not receive Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah at home and would like the opportunity to do so. Rabbi Medwin is also teaching "The Jewish Approach to the 12 Steps," which provides additional support to Jewish students

in the school's integrated program of academics, therapeutic counseling and the 12 Steps of recovery. Approximately 20 percent of the current student body at FFS is Jewish.

BENCHMARK CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

(September 19, 2008) Jayne Selby Longnecker, Executive Director/ CEO and Founder of Benchmark Young Adult School in Redlands, CA, 800-474-4848, proudly announced Benchmark celebrated its 15 year anniversary on September 9, 2008. The school was originally founded in September 1993.

OPI EXEC ON THE RADIO

(September 19, 2008) Robert Fischer, MD, Executive Director of the Optimum Performance Institute (OPI), and Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions, talked about current issues facing young adults on the Answers for the Family radio talk show owned and hosted by Allen Cardoza of West Shield. For further information, contact Anne LaRiviere at 888-558-0617.

QUAM AT SUWS OF THE CAROLINAS

(September 19, 2008) Kristen Hayes, Communications Director for Aspen Education Group, 562-467-5531, announced SUWS of the Carolinas in Old Fort, NC, is pleased to announce Jesse Quam as the new Clinical Director. Jesse worked as a Field Supervisor and Program Manager for Seasons at SUWS of the Carolina.

KILDONAN OFFERS 2009 SUMMER PROGRAMS

(September 19, 2008) Marcie Wistar, Associate Head of Admissions for the Kildonan School, Amenia, NY, 845-373-2012, announced the Kildonan School, which serves the needs of students with dyslexia, submitted the dates for next year's summer programs, June 26, 2009, thru August 7, 2009. Half day, full day and boarding programs are available for student's ages 8-16 years old. For more information, contact Marcie Wistar.

ASCENT FILLS OUT LEADERSHIP TEAM

(September 20, 2008) Ascent Wilderness Program, Naples, ID, 800-974-1999, a division of UHS, announced the new leadership team at Ascent. Chris Ankney, BA Political Science, is the Executive Director and has been with Ascent for six years. Troy Knight, MA, is the Healthcare Administration Program Director. Jim Powell, LMFT is Ascent's new Clinical Director. Guy Hardcastle is the Director of Business Development, and Dan Kemp, BS Psychology, is the new Director of Admissions. For information, contact Chris Ankney.