

Arch Bridge at Wellspring Expands:

(July 9, 2009) Harvey Newman, Chief Executive Officer at The Arch Bridge School at Wellspring, Bethlehem, CT, 203-266-8000, announced the Connecticut State Department of Education has granted full program approval to Wellspring's Arch Bridge School for its special education program. The approval is for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014. The approval also allows the school to expand its program to serve 51 students between the ages of 6 and 21 in grades 1 through 12 who struggle with emotional issues.

Greenbrier's Arts in Education:

(July 10, 2009) Beth Ragland, Director of Outreach and Business Development at Greenbrier Academy, Pence Springs, WV, 877-788-8422, announced several exciting "Arts in Education" activities for July: Theatre artist and educator Jill Balch-Coon was on-campus in July leading professional development workshops with faculty and teaching students as part of the evening activities; visual artist Jennifer Brothers was on campus for a week in July; a school trip to Blackfriars to see "Much Ado About Nothing" and an arts showcase day are planned for the end of the month.

Pasadena Villa Launches New Website:

(July 13, 2009) Pasadena Villa, Orlando, FL, 877-845-5235, has successfully launched their new website. The new site is designed to create a more interactive internet experience with enhanced guides, multimedia and online applications, with easy navigation and more information. Contact David Nissen, Co-Founder and Managing Director for opinions and feedback.

Smoky Mountain Lodge Update:

(July 13, 2009) Located in the Smoky Mountains in eastern TN, Smoky Mountain Lodge is for young adults with Aspergers Syndrome and mild developmental disorders. It will also serve young adults with cognitive, emotional and social deficits. The opening of this new facility is planned for September 2009. For more information contact Chris Eckert, Referral Relations Manager for Pasadena Villa, Orlando, FL, 877-845-5235.

Young Adults Earn Diplomas at Oakley School:

(July 13, 2009) Oakley School, Oakley, UT, 435-783-5001, is licensed to work with high school students through their 19th year. Most of the 38 June, 2009, graduates were 18 and 19 years old. To learn more about Oakley School, contact Carrie Shoumatoff, Director of Admissions.

Greenbrier's Schwenkler Certifications:

(July 13, 2009) Beth Ragland at Greenbrier Academy, Pence Springs, WV, 877-788-8422 is pleased to announce that Ron Schwenkler has received two new certifications over the last several months: The first is Grief Recovery Specialist. He has also been approved as a Licensed Professional Supervisor, which allows him to supervise therapists coming out of graduate school who are working toward their licensure.

Dr. Sletcher Joins John Dewey Faculty:

(July 13, 2009) Tom Bratter, President and Founder of

John Dewey Academy, Great Barrington, MA 413-528-5662 is pleased to announce the latest addition to their faculty, Dr. Michael Sletcher, who has earned a PhD from the University of Cambridge after receiving his Undergraduate and Master's degrees from Carleton University. Michael's CV includes a Visiting Fellowship at Harvard, and most recently, he served as the Editor-Historian of The Yale University Indian Papers Project and as Assistant Editor-Historian for The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, also published by Yale.

SageWalk Helps Siblings:

(July 15, 2009) Mike Bednarz, Executive Director at SageWalk, Redmond, OR, 541-316-4841. ext. 112, is excited to announce that SageWalk has introduced a new sibling workbook to accompany the program's existing parent workbook. It is designed to help siblings understand what their brother/sister is going through in the program and helps them to feel a part of the process of change the family is experiencing. To learn more, contact Mike Bednarz.

Benchmark Partner, Irlen, Named Best:

(July 15, 2009) The Irlen Institute, partners of over 10 years with Benchmark Transitions, Redlands, CA, has been selected for the 2009 Best of Long Beach Award in the Individual & Family Services category by the US Commerce Association (USCA). Benchmark partnered with The Irlen Institute to help identify and correct a unique perceptual processing problem which can affect achievement, learning and performance for both struggling and good readers. Irlen then eliminates this problem using colored overlays and Irlen Spectral Filters worn as glasses or contact lenses. For more information, contact Shelley Skaggs, Director of Marketing, at 714-813-5002 (cell).

Passages to Recovery's Intervention Training:

(July 16, 2009) Passages to Recovery, Loa, UT, will be hosting the second annual Systemic Family Intervention Training/Certification in St. George, UT, at the Groon Golf/Spa Resort on October 19-21, 2009. For additional information, please contact Brandi Bradbury, at 435-836-1239 (office) or 435-691-1177 (mobile).

Crossroads Academy Hits 2-Years:

(July 17, 2009) Crossroads Academy in Ogden, UT, has recently hits its 2nd year anniversary and is in full swing with the opening of their skate shop /park last November and most recently a Frozen Yogurt shop. Boys who attend the Academy manage and gain work skills and life skills, open their own bank accounts and manage their money. To view a short video clip of both of the stores, please visit their website. For more information on Crossroads Academy, contact Sam Dahlin, PhD, LMFT, Owner and Clinical Director, at 801-369-0238.

Ponca Pines Girls Raise Money for Family in

Kenya: (July 17, 2009) Ponca Pines Academy students, Omaha, NE, 402-457-1421, were recently acknowledged for their efforts to provide assistance for a family in Kenya, by raising more than \$200.00 with a fundraising car wash called "Got Goat". This money was enough to