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ROB SPEAR 1945-2009

It is with sadness that we find ourselves celebrating the life of Rob Spear. He was well known in our network, and the following are some of the memories from a few of us who had the privilege to know and work with Rob. - Lon

The following is from the www.childrenaway.com web site created by Anne Campbell, who worked with Rob as an Educational Consultant, in memory of Rob.

"Rob passed away on Tuesday November 17, 2009, after a long struggle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). His spirit toward life never faltered as this awful disease took the use of his muscles away and eventually his life.... Rob made such a difference for so many kids and their families. His parenting wisdom, his firewall words and his guiding stories will be remembered by all who were lucky to have crossed paths with him.... I hope you will join me in watching a YouTube video I put together of Rob and his loving family. www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdOlQWgx588. Anne also manages the web site created by her and Rob at www.deliberatedirections.com.



Lon Woodbury, Educational Consultant, Bonners Ferry ID: I first met Rob in the mid-eighties when he was hired by Mike Parr (the old-timers should know this name) to be Personnel Director for CEDU in North Idaho. Very quickly Mel Wasserman met Rob and was impressed by his potential. What resulted was a power struggle over Rob that made Rob mention to me once after work that he just wanted to hide in his cellar. Wasserman won, of course, and Rob fulfilled Mel's insight by the impressive task of becoming President of CEDU in a very few short years.

Bill Lane, Bill Lane & Associates, San Diego, CA: Very, very sad. I went to see him about 6 months ago and considering his condition he was in great spirits. He was a very witty, bright, funny guy. He never lost his spirit. He loved our work. He loved the people in our work. We worked together for years. He will be missed.

Jim Powell, Benchmark Transitions, Redlands, CA: I received a call from Rob a week before he passed away. He was only interested in talking to me about me and people we had worked with. When we got off I was struck by the fact that never once did he mention his situation. He ended our call by stating "I have to go. I have more important people to meet with" I recall thinking, he probably can't move any part of his body but his mouth and he is still trying to make me laugh and feel uplifted. I think this interaction best describes Rob Spear. He was a dedicated and loyal friend who should be given much credit for the development of the Emotional Growth school industry. Many of us learned what to do and perhaps more importantly what not to do with parents and their children who we came into contact with. Rob loved his life, family and friends greatly. He taught me numerous life lessons. He loved his life in North Idaho and I am proud to call Rob Spear my friend. May God bless Rob Spear and his beloved state of Idaho.

Larry Stednitz, Educational Consultant, Moro Bay, CA: My fondest memory of Rob was his unrelenting energy and enthusiasm for what he did. I recall Rob calling me when I was living in Montana. Rob enthusiastically said, "We have built an Alpine Tower where you can take kids to the top of the tower. It is the most advanced experience we can provide to kids without the risk of climbing a mountain top!" He was thrilled at this achievement and wanted to share it with everyone he could. I immediately drove to North Idaho to see what he had built, and upon seeing the Tower, I returned to Montana and erected an Alpine Tower for the program I was running in Montana. The Tower at Ascent is still operating and the Tower in Montana is also still being used. He produced many achievements in his lifetime. Rob was relentless in his thoughts and actions. One could not be in the presence of Rob without being

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Pressure is a word that is misused in our vocabulary. When you start thinking of pressure, its because you've started to think of failure.

~ Tommy Lasorda

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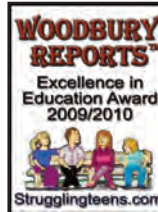


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"Some Children just need to be heard, not cured."

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humbled.

Sheila Tart-Zelvin, Boulder Creek Academy: I believe he was tough on people that he recognized potential in. He wouldn't let you give up or slow down, but kept pushing you to excel. He didn't care if you got angry or upset with him! When you did accomplish something, Rob would give you this look like he knew all along that you could do it! Parents loved him and would come from all over the country to hear him speak at workshops and seminars. I think his greatest connection was with parents and families! He will be remembered!

Laura Steck Morton, former co-worker of Rob, now with Woodbury Reports, Bonners Ferry, ID: My thoughts of Rob Spear go to his charming sense of humor (for almost a year, I had no idea that he didn't have an Irish brogue) and the twinkle in his eye when he was pulling a fast one over on you. For me personally, Rob was a lifeline, the voice on the end of a telephone many miles away when I was at my lowest point, reassuring me in his gentle way "that everything will be alright." Rob is the reason I came to North Idaho many moons ago and the reason I learned who I truly am and saw for myself the capabilities and strengths I have—something he saw in me the whole time. I will truly miss Rob and I am saddened by the loss of the charismatic Rob Spear. Thank you, Rob, for everything you gave me and taught me.

It is amazing how many people's lives Rob touched. He will be missed and remembered.

WHAT IS THE TRUE INDICATOR OF SUCCESS IN SCHOOL?

By Rose Mulligan, Hyde Schools

Now that the kids are back in school, and first quarter is well underway...how is it going? And how would a parent know?

When trying to assess our children's adjustment to and experience of school, we typically turn to the obvious indicators — grades, participation in extra-curricular activities, social involvement, moods — and these are all pertinent.

But what are some important indicators parents can look for that would inform them about how their children are really adjusting?

"One area that we may neglect as parents is our children's attitude," says Malcolm Gauld, parenting expert and president of Hyde Schools who, along with his wife, Laura, authored the book *The Biggest Job We'll Ever Have*. "Attitude is the true barometer when measuring how the school year is going. But it requires some effort on our part to pin down. If our children's grades are where they need to be and

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they're doing well on tests, it is easy to overlook what appears to be simply a prickly mood."

"Our kids are growing up in a culture where aptitude and achievement have become the main focus of education," adds Laura Gauld, head of Hyde School in Woodstock, CN. "Young students today are under extraordinary pressure and are learning to define themselves by test scores, grades and awards. However, these things will not define them in the end."

The achievement culture complicates things for parents — parents value achievement and want their children to succeed because they know it reaps rewards. And while those rewards are important for hard work well done and often have the immediate effect of boosting self-esteem, the Gaulds remind parents it is a strong character that will carry their children through life's challenges, as it will for them.

"Parents need to trust their instincts," says Malcolm. "Most of us know there is so much more to our children — and real success — than grades. And an unchecked attitude can lead to trouble for children as they grow into adults, regardless of their academic prowess."

"If our children are going to fulfill the potential of their aptitudes and live their lives to the fullest," adds Laura, "they will need the right attitude."

According to the Gaulds, there are things parents

can do to ensure lasting benefits for their children's futures — things that will stick around much longer than grades and test scores. They offer a few simple, effective tips for parents:

1. Challenge the off-track attitudes. Don't ignore them. Ask your child about what's really going on — even if he or she can't articulate it. Allow your child time to think about it until he or she can put words to it, return and discuss. You will send the message that the attitude is a roadblock. Many children and adolescents will focus on surface issues as reasons for off-track attitudes, such as grades, busyness, or frustration over a challenge they are facing. Try to help your child identify the underlying issues, which is the attitude toward challenge. Use examples of how you may struggle similarly and offer up ways you work to overcome your own unproductive attitudes.

2. Celebrate the positive attitudes. Let your child know when you're inspired by his or her attitude. If you have learned something by watching how your child handled something, say it. If your child handles something better than you believe you would or did at some point in your life, let your child know.

3. Work to improve the family attitudes. These are the everyday little ones that can get in our way — that we learn from one another — as well as the deeper attitudes that block our greatness — and they belong to everyone in the family. We owe it to

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In the end, it is our attitude that helps us to learn, to grow, to form healthy habits and to succeed in ways beyond material means.

"Nothing can help the person with the wrong attitude," says Malcolm. "Nothing can stop the person with the right one. It's an amazingly rewarding experience to watch the kids we work with embrace that concept and run with it, even the kids who were already performing in school at a high level. Many of them experience the kind of success that will carry them through life."

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NEW PERSPECTIVES...

[New Perspectives schools and programs are those new to Woodbury Reports, Inc., and are presented to expand your knowledge, with the disclaimer that we know little more about them at this time than what appears here. Inclusion in Places for Struggling Teens™, of course, does not imply any endorsement by Woodbury Reports, Inc. -Lon]

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Star Peak Crossing originally started in 2006 as a summer adventure program, expanding in 2008 to include a therapeutic residential program. This "alternative boarding school" is for teens, ages 14 to 18 years old, who struggle with negative behaviors such as: skipping school or dropping out of school, disrespect and anger, physical or verbal abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, low self esteem, social isolation or who may be disconnecting from their families.

Directors at Star Peak include Mickey Manning, who has a BA in psychology and an MA in educational administration. He holds Montana and California teaching credentials (UCSB), in addition to Montana and California administration credentials (CSUN) and has 30 years experience in education as both a teacher and administrator. Michael Chism, also a Director, has 12 years experience running private programs for at risk youth, including 11 years as an administrator. Diane Morrin serves as

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the therapist. She has her BA in Sociology and an MA in Transpersonal Counseling Psychology. Star Peak has currently applied to NATSAP for membership.

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Recreational activities include skiing, bowling, going to the movies or attending community sporting events. Located in the Cabinet Mountains of Montana, students also hike and explore the nearby Thompson River.

[This information came from the Star Peak Crossing website and brochure and conversation with Mike Chism.]

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Created in 2003, Parent and Family Advocate Don Purves works with families and their struggling young adults and children in planning, strategizing and selecting appropriate and affordable options and alternatives to help their son or daughter get the appropriate assistance they need. Using his own personal experience as a parent with a self destructive son and learning to navigate through the complexity of resources available to parents with a struggling child, Don, who calls himself a "just in time" resource, offers support and mentorship in assisting parents to become their own self advocate in making the best decisions possible for their child, while preserving the integrity of their family.

Don Purves is certified as a Life Coach from the Hudson Institute in Santa Barbara, CA, and holds certificates in both Systemic and Arise drug intervention models. He is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and specializes in the IEP process. He has held numerous positions within the parent choice industry including: Admissions Director for a young adult drug and alcohol treatment program, Marketing Executive for a young adult independent living program and a Web Marketing Consultant for young adult addiction treatment centers.

There are three main facets to the services provided by Parent and Family Advocate, LLC. Parent Advocacy includes assessment, research of treatment options and support in working with schools, courts and treatment professionals. Aftercare Support includes the development of a Family Living Contract, aftercare planning, life coaching and teaching independent living skills. Financial Advocacy assists parents in learning financial options that may be available including student loan programs, scholarships and student aid opportunities.

[This information came from the Parent and Family Advocate, LLC website, brochure and interview with Don Purves.]

EXTENDED INSIGHTS...

THE MAKING OF THE BOOK:

STRAINED RELATIONS
By Marcia Stein

- I'm tearing my hair out.
- I don't know what to do.
- I'm worried sick.
- As a parent, I'm a failure.
- My child's anger scares me.
- I'm afraid of / for my child.
- This doesn't happen to people like us.

If you've thought or said any of the above – join the crowd.

My son is 20 and we don't have a good relationship. Our family lives in a good area: people move here for professional opportunities and for the school districts. We did the same thing.

As new parents, we had many opportunities to compare growth and development and brag about our children. Once the kids reached middle and senior high school, we saw parents at school activities, but we didn't talk in-depth and would never have casually shared our concerns.

We heard about kids excelling in school and extra-curricular activities, how delightful they were and how helpful they were at home. Our home life was miserable and we didn't know others were suffering through similar or worse scenarios.

The school had a parenting class, but the topics didn't seem to apply to truly difficult kids. Bookstores featured many parenting books regarding young children but very few good books about the teen years, reinforcing a feeling of being alone. What were we doing wrong?

A few years ago, a TV show called "Brat Camp" featured teens with different problems during their first several weeks at a therapeutic wilderness school. This controversial show vividly demonstrated what many parents do to get their kids on track. I had heard about private schools, boot camps, and military schools but had never seen a show about a therapeutic program. It was incredible to see these kids, witness their difficulties, learn how this school worked and the therapy the kids received, and amazing to see some of the kids change over the weeks the show was broadcast.

Another important "ah-ha" moment came when I met a highly educated couple, active in our community and in their synagogue, and I learned that they were estranged from their son. This man poured out his story and I could feel his pain, his deep sense of loss and shame. He and his wife had talked with family and therapists but didn't know anyone personally who had suffered severe difficulties with a teen. This wasn't a family from a bad neighborhood; they lived near us.

Shortly after that, I decided to start being honest about our situation without revealing many details. Once I was more open, I heard many stories in return, some were shocking and others were hopeful.

A colleague had sent his son to a therapeutic boarding school. Another person said they could not wait until their son turned 18 so they could make him leave the house. One teen ran away and lived on the streets for months, eventually agreeing to her parents' rules and coming home. An acquaintance has a son she had never discussed previously – her pain and loss was so deep. Another friend's son was in juvenile hall. And so the stories went.

I decided to interview parents to learn what the parents or kids did and did not do and their results. This information

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helped me and I was certain it would help others.

The stories seemed to fall into one of three categories: estranged, repaired and cordial, and fully repaired and loving. It was important for me to deeply understand and accept that things might not work out for our family and I'd have to learn how to cope; I had to find out how others accomplished this seemingly impossible task. It was also essential to have hope, to feel that things might turn around someday. Most significantly, I learned we were not alone, and it comforted me.

I talked with professionals working with teens or parents, learned what they did and what they recommended for parents of teens. I spoke with therapists and coaches, a family law attorney and even a district attorney representing a parent training program designed specifically for parents of strong-willed or out-of-control adolescent children. I found useful blogs, articles and email lists for parents in pain.

I had no idea there were so many great services available, and it brought home the fact there are a lot of troubled kids and struggling parents. This insight and the information I found has provided me with some peace – and I live with hope.


About The Author: Marcia Stein, PHR, is the author of Strained Relations: Help for Struggling Parents of Troubled Teens. A human resources professional, she was inspired to write her book as a result of difficulties with her son. She has a blog with resources at <http://strainedrelations.wordpress.com/> and information about the book can be found at www.tellmeaboutyourself.info.

SEEN N' HEARD

EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE TIME FOR CHRYSALIS IN AFRICA (August 24, 2009) Kenny Pannell and Mary Alexine, Owners/Directors at Chrysalis in Eureka, MT, 406-889-5577, shared some exciting news about a recent service project trip for 10 students, staff and parent in which they spent almost three weeks in Tanzania working at the Kaloleni Primary School constructing a six foot fence to enclose and secure the school, refurbishing three classrooms with fresh paint and cement work, rehabilitation of a former structure into an apartment for two teachers and their families, planting bougainvillea along the new fence line and purchasing and installation of a new soccer goal. The remainder of the trip included a two day safari in and around the Ngorangora crater and then launched into a seven day ascent and descent of 19,340 feet Kilimanjaro. Presently Chrysalis is working to raise funds for other improvements needed at the Kaloleni School. Contact Carolyn in their business office for more information.

CHADDOCK RECOGNIZED AS AGENCY OF THE YEAR (October 20, 2009) Chaddock, located in Quincy, IL, 217-430-8696, is the recipient of the "Agency of the Year" award presented by the Alliance for Children and Families. Chaddock was chosen to receive the award because of its demonstration in excellence in board participation and support, impact of advocacy efforts on local, state or national levels and innovative programs.

TRAILS CAROLINA OPENS NEW PROGRAM FOR BOYS (October 21, 2009) Graham Shannonhouse, Executive Director at Trails Carolina, Lake Toxaway, NC, 828-885-5920, announced Trails Carolina is now accepting applications for a new program specifically serving the needs of young boys ages 10 to 13. The Trails Youth Program, led by Carlyn Daubs, MS, will provide students with a therapeutic adventure that combines individualized treatment, small groups, skilled therapists and flexible lengths of stay in a dynamic, empowering and



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nurturing environment. Carlyn received her MS in Counseling from the University of North Texas and is currently concluding her dissertation to earn her PhD in Counseling Psychology. Contact Admissions Director, Mark Oerther, at 888-387-2457 to learn more.

VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL CELEBRATES THEIR 13TH PARENTS' WEEKEND (October 22, 2009) Rick Bulger, Associate Director at Valley View School in North Brookfield, MA, 508-867-6505, shared with us that Valley View School recently celebrated their 13th Parents' Weekend. Over a three day October weekend, parents enjoyed a breakfast followed by a forum involving three former students who graduated from Valley View School together in 1991 and have found success as a lawyer, a software developer and an MSW Social Worker. The afternoon continued with lunch, parent/teacher meetings, a victorious soccer game, a reception and our dinner/theater by the Valley View Players.

DR. BETTMANN OF OPEN SKY ON LA TALK RADIO (October 22, 2009) Danny Frazer, Business Development & Marketing Director at Open Sky, Durango, CO, 970-382-8181, announced Dr. Joanna Bettmann, Open Sky's Research Director, was on LA Talk Radio on Monday, October 26. Dr. Bettmann discussed adoption and attachment issues in mental health including treatment options, research outcomes and the application of attachment theory in wilderness treatment at Open Sky. This show was archived for listening and can be accessed on their website.

PASADENA VILLA OPENS SMOKY MOUNTAIN LODGE (October 22, 2009) Chris Eckert, Referral Relations Manager, Pasadena Villa-Smoky Mountain Lodge, Sevierville, TN, 407-982-0099 or 877-845-5235, announced Pasadena Villas-Smoky Mountain Lodge is open and able to accept clients. This new residential treatment center specializes in the treatment of

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CLARKE LAUNCHES LOETA EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS (October 22, 2009) James (Bar) Clarke, II, President of Loeta Educational Consultants, Portland, ME, 207-380-2846, announced he is no longer with Camille M. Bertram Educational Consultants and has launched his own consulting practice: Loeta Educational Consulting. The name Loeta means journey. To learn more, contact Barr by phone or at his new website.

GATEWAY ACADEMY ACCEPTS BULLIED AUTISTIC CHILD (October 24, 2009) The Missoulian reports a teen with autism was recently pulled from the local middle school by his parents due to the young man being subjected to taunts and hazing from the other 8th grade students. He will now attend Gateway Academy in AZ, a small private school for kids with autism.

E-LEARNING KEEPS POTENTIAL FAILURES FROM DROPPING OUT (October 25, 2009) Columnist Julia Steany reports E-Learning Academy was started five years ago to help kids who are falling so far behind that they lose hope of catching up or even graduating. With repeating a grade as the number one predictor of a future drop out, E-Learning is a hybrid approach with real teachers to support kids through credit recovery with access to over 200 online classes, assessments and diagnostic tools.

MASSACHUSETTS STUDENTS DROP SCHOOL TO PARENT (October 25, 2009) A Boston news source reports that a recently released state report indicates 10,000 kids in MA quit school every year, with a quarter of those dropouts leaving because

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they are having children. The estimates currently are: 10,000 pregnant or parenting girls in the state and 4,000 parenting boys. In addition, the state is expected to cut funding for teen mothers and teen pregnancy prevention programs that will likely increase the dropout rate.

SECOND NATURE EXPLAINS STANDARD SAFETY PROTOCOLS (October 25, 2009) The admissions team at Second Nature Therapeutic Wilderness Programs in Duchesne, UT, 866-205-2500, has provided specific information on Second Nature's standard safety protocols in response to numerous requests by Educational Consultants. To view this in full, please visit StrugglingTeens.com.

STUDY: GIRLS ACCEPT GUN RUNNING AND RAPE (October 26, 2009) The Times Online reports that police and charities have found that teenage girls, some as young as 13, who want to join violent male gangs in the UK are being forced into having sex and ferrying guns, knives and drugs. The girls are second class citizens within the gangs, yet they see their situation as "normal."

PACIFIC QUEST'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO HEALING (October 26, 2009) Pacific Quest in Hawaii believes therapeutic approaches with at risk youth need to be creative and music is great way to connect with them. Playing music and song writing is like putting poetry to a beat and can be soothing and healing. Many students connect with poetry in their healing. Contact Marney Sullivan, Admissions Director, at 808-937-5806 to learn more about Pacific Quest.

BODIN ON LA TALK RADIO (October 26, 2009) Douglas Bodin, CEO of the Bodin Group, appeared as a guest on LA Talk Radio: Answers for the Family on October 26, 2009, discussing the topic "Getting with the right program – possibly the most important decision you will make," and the process of sifting through the large number of specialized schools, programs and services that are available to parents.

SUNHAWK ACADEMY CHANGES NAME (October 27, 2009) SunHawk Adolescent Recovery Center, St. George, UT, formerly SunHawk Academy, officially announced its name change to more accurately reflect the program's primary focus: alcohol and substance abuse recovery for teens. SunHawk Adolescent Recovery Center, licensed as an Adolescent Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center for teens ages 13-17, uses the 12 Step philosophies and combines an intense clinical intervention with individual and group therapy, accredited academics and family development workshops to help teens address their substance use while learning to live a life of recovery. Contact Ben Harris, Executive Director, at 435-656-3211 to learn more about SunHawk.

NEW BELLEFAIRE JCB AUTISM PARTNERSHIP (October 27, 2009) Devon Racz, Bellefaire JCB, Shaker Heights, OH, 216-320-8317, announced the Rainbow-Monarch Center for Autism at Bellefaire JCB is a partnership between UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and Bellefaire JCB. Using a combination of research, clinical assessment, intervention and community outreach, the Rainbow-Monarch Center for Autism will help to improve the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, their families and the community that cares for them.

ASPEN HOSTS 5TH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP (October 27, 2009) Aspen Education Group hosted its 5th Annual Professional Development Workshop in October, in Park City, UT. In addition to the numerous speaker sessions and presentations on computer addiction, current drug trends and psycho-spiritual therapy, Aspen facilitated a silent auction of gift baskets, raising \$2,780.00 to be donated to the Saving Teens in Crisis Collaborative. Contact Patty Evans, Chief Marketing Officer and Sr. VP of Business Development at 760-918-8703 for more information.

RIDGE CREEK SCHOOL RECEIVES ACCREDITATION (October 28, 2009) The faculty and staff of Ridge Creek Academy in Dahlonega, GA, are pleased to announce their quality accreditation designation has been granted by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. To learn more about Ridge Creek School, contact Kelly Vaughan at 706-867-1720.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON DC (October 28, 2009) Jon Larsen, LMFT, Head of School at Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy in Cedar City, UT, 435-691-0245, announced the staff and students from Mountain Springs just returned from a 7-day trip to Washington DC. Highlights of the trip included: visiting the national monuments, the Smithsonian museums, the Holocaust Museum, the Capitol building and watching a play at the Kennedy Center. The next trip is scheduled for mid-March 2010 where they will be traveling to Europe for two weeks. It will include stops in Paris, Munich, Venice and Rome.

OPEN SKY WILDERNESS THERAPY EXPANDS FAMILY SERVICES TEAM (October 28, 2009) Danny Frazer, Business Development & Marketing Director for Open Sky Wilderness Therapy, Durango, CO, 970-382-8181, announced Open Sky is expanding their family services team and Marie Krueger, MA, will be joining the clinical team as a Family Wellness Counselor, after having worked in the field at Open Sky as a Senior Field Guide for the past year and a half. Marie received her MA in Applied Psychology from the University of WI-Stout and then served as Program Director at Byrne Urban Scholars in Denver, CO for four years.

PONCA PINES ACADEMY PASSES ONE YEAR MILESTONE (October 2009) Ponca Pines Academy, located in Omaha, NE, 402-457-1400, has just passed its one year milestone, successfully completing their first year working with young women. In addition, they have expanded their psycho-educational groups to include: SELF, anger management, empowerment, self-esteem, Power Source, Spiritual Doodles and Mental Leapfrogs, Wellness and Healthy Choices, Highly Effective Habits and a Service Learning and Cultural Awareness program. Contact Betsy Jacobson-Warren, Executive Director, to learn more.

SMITHSON JOINS ECKERD ACADEMY OF THE BLUE RIDGE (October 28, 2009) Eckerd Academy of the Blue Ridge, Suches, GA, is pleased to announce Sara Smithson has joined the Clinical staff as Program Clinician. Sara received her MSW degree from Smith College of School for Social Work in Northampton, MA. Sara's clinical experience includes providing individual, family and group therapy for diagnostically and demographically diverse clients in outpatient community mental health and early intervention centers. Contact Micha M. Mathis, Admissions/ Client Relations Coordinator, 706-747-1082 ext 228, for more information.

IS PRESCRIPTION PILL ABUSE DRIVING HEROIN ABUSE? (October 30, 2009) Rosecrance, Rockford, IL, 815-391-1000 and other officials in treatment facilities throughout the country report that many abusers of prescription opiates eventually begin abusing heroin because it is cheaper, easier to obtain and provides a more intense high. In addition, once an individual switches from prescription pills to heroin, they rarely switch back to abusing these prescription pills.

AGAPE BOARDING SCHOOL NAMES 2009 RODEO WINNERS (October 30, 2009) Agape Boarding School in Stockton, MO, has announced the champions of their second annual rodeo week: Quinlan Beard- Bronc rider of the year, Joe Rios- Chute

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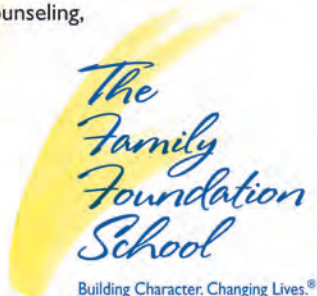
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INNERCEPT OUTINGS FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT AND FUN (October 30, 2009) Students and staff from Innercept, LLC, Coeur d'Alene, ID, were busy this past summer exploring the Northwest and the region in which they live with the benefit of earning academic credits. Some of the highlights of their trips include: a Gold Mine Tour, Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Tour, Cataldo Mission Trip and exploring local Government Trips. To learn more about Innercept, please contact Amanda John at 208-665-7178.

THE STORY OF AN OPEN SKY WILDERNESS STUDENT (October 31, 2009) An online news source, The Advocate, recently posted an article about an 18 year old young woman and the journey she made from her senior year as a cocaine addict to her rehabilitation while attending Open Sky Wilderness Therapy in UT.

AN INTERNET INTERVIEW WITH GRAPPO (November 2, 2009) Rebecca Grappo, MEd, CEP was recently interviewed by Expat Women, an online source for expatriate women living overseas. Rebecca is a professional educator who has combined her advocacy and teaching experience with her need to develop a portable career abroad. After living, working and teaching overseas for many years, Rebecca started RNG International Educational Consultants in 2006 while living in Oman and has quickly become known as a global expert in the field of international relocations with children. In addition to her native United States, Rebecca has lived in Italy, Luxembourg,

Switzerland, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Portugal, Jordan, Oman and has recently moved to Dubai. She speaks five languages and has raised her own three children between the United States and various overseas assignments.

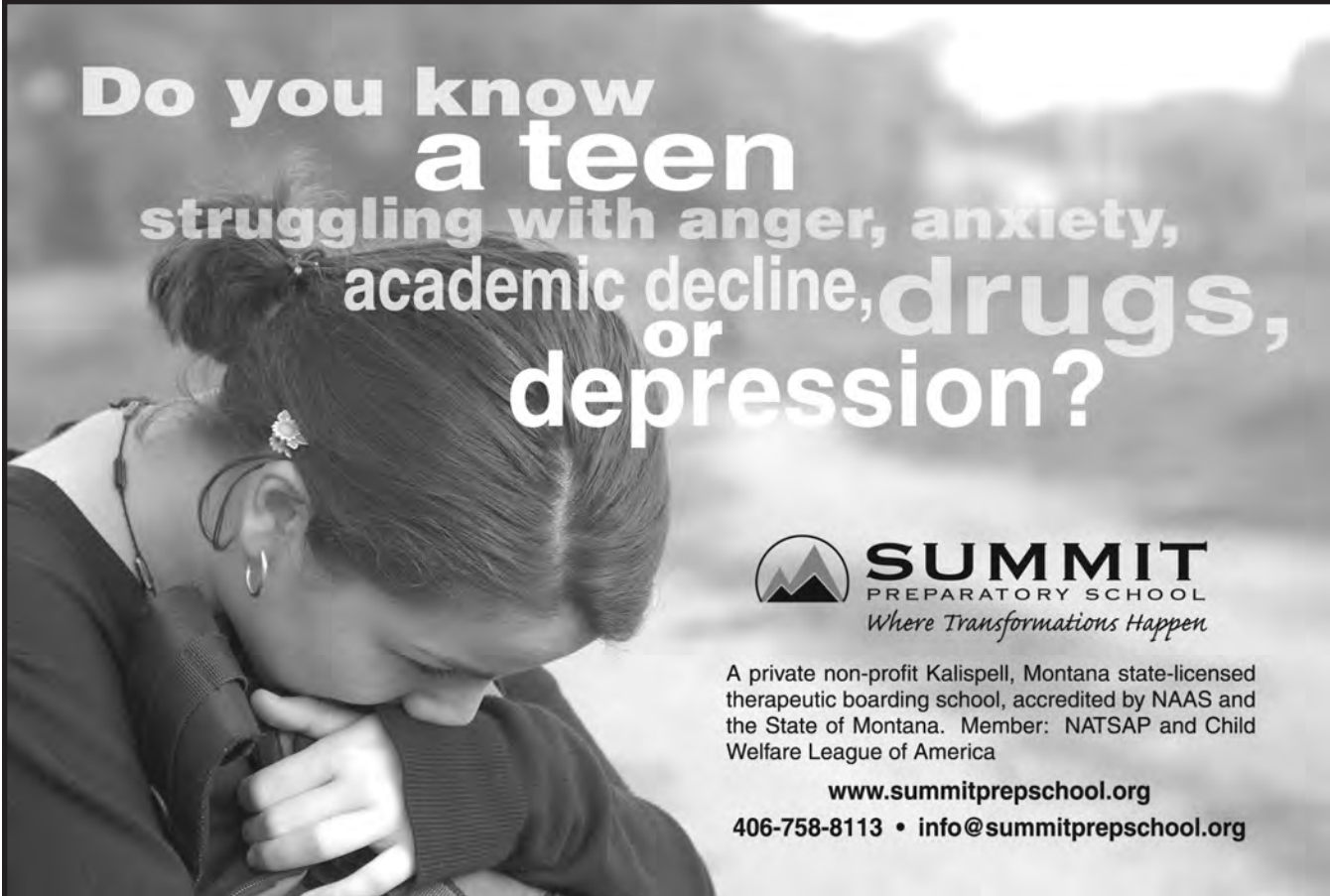
LA VENTANA EATING DISORDER PROGRAMS EXPAND TO SAN FRANCISCO (November 2, 2009) La Ventana Eating Disorder Programs located in Thousand Oaks, CA, and Calabasas, CA, is opening a new location in San Francisco, CA, on November 23, 2009. To learn more, contact Dr. Erin Elfant-Rea, Clinical Director, at 415-345-1238.

ACADIA HEALTHCARE ACQUIRES PENINSULA VILLAGE (November 2, 2009) Karen Prince, Chief Operating Officer at Acadia Healthcare, Atlanta, GA, 678-324-5000, announced that Acadia Healthcare has recently acquired Peninsula Village from Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville, TN, and the facility's name will change to The Village. Business is expected to proceed as normal to ensure a seamless transition for the teens, families and employees.


NEWPORT ACADEMY STAFF RELEASES BOOK (November 2, 2009) Dr. Jeff Fortuna, Director of Clinical Nutrition at Newport Academy in Newport Beach, CA, has released his latest book: *Nutrition for the Focused Brain: and the Recovering Brain*. If you would like to order this book, please call 800-355-9983.

DEMONG PROMOTED TO CLINICAL DIRECTOR OPEN SKY (November 2, 2009) Aaron Fernandes, Executive Director at Open Sky Wilderness Therapy in Durango, CO, 970-382-8181, is pleased to announce the promotion of Emily Demong, LCSW, to Clinical Director. Emily has excelled as Open Sky's Assistant Clinical Director for the past three years and has over twelve years of experience in the industry in addition to being a founder and owner of Open Sky.

EMPOWERING YOUNG ADULTS PARENT WORKSHOP IN NOVEMBER (November 3, 2009) Colleen and Randy Russell, Owners and



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Directors of Empowering Young Adults, a parent training course for parents with adult children, held a workshop in November in Sandpoint, ID. The workshop is designed to provide parents with the tools to prepare and launch their young adults. To learn about future workshop dates and more information call 509-671-1598-cell or 208-255-2290.

MOUNT BACHELOR IN OREGON ORDERED TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE (November 3, 2009) ABC news reports Mount Bachelor Academy, a therapeutic boarding school in Oregon has been ordered to temporarily close due to a seven month investigation by the Oregon Department of Human Services in which they found nine substantiated findings of child abuse.

STATEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MT. BACHELOR (November 4, 2009) Executive Director of Mount Bachelor Academy, Prineville, OR, 800-462-3404, has issued a statement and is disappointed by the recent ruling of the Oregon Department of Human Services to temporarily cease all therapeutic, education and residential services at Mt. Bachelor Academy. To read these statements in full, visit StrugglingTeens.com.

OPEN SKY'S FAMILY WELLNESS COUNSELOR ON THE AIR (November 4, 2009) Danny Frazer, Business Development and Marketing Director for Open Sky Wilderness Therapy, Durango, CO, 970-382-8181, announced Norman Elizondo, Open Sky's Family Wellness Counselor, was on the air with a local public radio station KDUR, Fort Lewis's college radio station, and discussed the healing power of nature for the body, mind, heart and soul. As a co-owner of Open Sky, Norman provides support to families and students in conducting the Family Reunion and Student Graduations, in addition to leading the monthly Parent Wellness Weekends. Norman also conducts the weekly Parent Education & Support Group Teleconferences.

NEXT STEP FOR SUCCESS ANNOUNCES UPCOMING TELECOURSE (November 4, 2009) Penelope Valentine, Co-Founder of Next Step for Success, Redmond, OR, 541-504-5224, shared that Next Step for Success will be offering their next 20-week Telecourse titled "Coaching Parents, Struggling Teens and Young Adults" starting on January 12, 2010. Upon successful completion of this coach training course, participants will have the designation of Certified Coach. Registration is required by December 11, 2009. Please contact Penelope Valentine for further information.

CORAL REEF ACADEMY HELPS WITH TSUNAMI RELIEF AID (November 6, 2009) In early November, Coral Reef Academy, Apia, Samoa, students and staff began assisting with the unloading and distribution of tsunami relief materials donated and collected in the United States. After the unloading and sorting of the donations, students will load the packages into delivery trucks and then help to distribute the items to those in need. Contact Julie C. Elliott, LCSW, LMFT, CART, Program Therapist at Coral Reef Academy, 702-997-7634 - internet phone, 011 685 65158 - Samoa or 011 685 7703213 - mobile, to learn more.

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN INN RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT (November 6, 2009) Spruce Mountain Inn, Plainfield, VT, 802-454-8353, is a small residential treatment center for men and women ages 17-30 who struggle with addiction to substance abuse, compulsive behaviors or eating disorders. Treatment includes therapeutic groups and activities and goal setting to include independent living skills and work placements or classes in the community. Contact Candace Beardsley, Director and Admissions for more information.

VIVE'S "CHAOS TO CONNECTION" PARENTING WORKSHOPS (November 7, 2009) Vive, Boulder, CO, 800-261-0127, presented several parenting workshops in November and December in the San Francisco Bay area, the Los Angeles area and the Denver/Boulder area, based upon their book and DVD: Chaos to Connection, showing how these practices can help parents understand better and more effective ways to address difficult behaviors and topics with their child.

FRANCES AND BAUER JOIN FORCES (November 7, 2009) Dore Frances, MA, and Dawn Bauer have joined forces. The pair will work together as partners of Horizon Family Solutions, an Educational Resources firm, in Bend, OR. Services will also be offered in Georgia on St. Simons Island, where Dawn is based.


WORBETS JOINS SUMMIT PREP (November 8, 2009) Barbara Cunningham, EdD, Admissions/Guidance at Summit Preparatory School in Kalispell, MT, 406-758-8139, is pleased to announce the addition of seasoned therapist Jon Worbets, LPCC/LMHC, as Experiential Coordinator and head of one of the boys' treatment teams. Jon has spent over 15 years working with at-risk youth, most recently as one of the founders and clinical director of a wilderness program in TX and NM. To reach Jon by phone: 406-758-8164.

SUNDANCE CANYON ACADEMY PARTNERS WITH HOMEWARD BOUND (November 9, 2009) Boyd Hooper, Admissions Director at Sundance Canyon Academy, Herriman, UT, 801-446-6206, announced the partnership with Homeward Bound and Sundance Canyon, which will allow SCA to expand their services with aftercare plans, transitional services and improvement of parent collaboration and communication.

BLUEPRINT EDUCATION PARTNERS WITH GABLES ACADEMY (November 9, 2009) Blueprint Education, Glendale, AZ, has partnered with Gables Academy in Stone Mountain, GA, to provide accredited curriculum to their student population. The Gables program is designed to meet two specific needs of their students: learning basic skills in reading, writing and

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mathematics or for those who have mastered the basic skills but still appear unmotivated to learn in a typical learning environment. Contact Marmy Kodras, Marketing Director for Blueprint at 602-906-4840 to learn more.

ROOTS: SOLTREKS IN-HOME AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM (November 9, 2009) Soltreks, Two Harbors, MN, has named their new in-home and aftercare program Roots. This program offers home visits, workshops and retreats and family treks. For more information on Soltreks Roots, please contact Lorri Hanna, MA, CTRS, LPC, President and Executive Director, for additional information at 218-834-4607.

MT. BACHELOR ACADEMY TO CLOSE (November 10, 2009) The Oregonian reports Mt Bachelor in Prineville, OR, which has been investigated by the state for allegations of child abuse, will close by December 9, 2009, and will be letting employees go with a total job loss of 69-72.

ECHO SPRINGS NEWS (November 10, 2009) Echo Springs, Bonners Ferry, ID, 208-267-1111, shared some exciting news about some students in their program: 12 students are enrolled at North Idaho College this semester on the main campus in Coeur d'Alene and at the branch campus in Bonners Ferry. In addition, 2 students are completing their high school diplomas through correspondence courses. Also, the students have logged in lots of volunteer hours in the community assisting with patients at the assisted living center, dog walking, proof-reading and contributing writer for the local newspaper, working at the local thrift store (benefits the animal shelter), autumn clean-up at the community garden, assistance at the wildlife refuge, art teacher assistant at the elementary school and disbursement of food bank supplies.

SKI THERAPY FAMILY INTEGRATION PROGRAM (November 10, 2009) Andy Rose, MA, Program Director at Healing Quest (Ski Therapy), Boulder, CO, 303-532-6780, announced Ski Therapy is offering a brief family integration intensive, which offers experiential family therapy in conjunction with facilitated somatic (skiing or other outdoor activity) individual work. It is designed to integrate their program with referring programs and professionals to insure a continuum of care for the family. To learn more contact Andy Rose.

UPDATES AT IN BALANCE RANCH (November 10, 2009) In Balance Ranch Academy, Tucson, AZ, is pleased to announce that they have promoted Ugo Uche to the position of Assistant Clinical Director. Ugo has been with In Balance Ranch for four and half years and has a Master's degree in Counseling. Last year, he completed and secured his License as a Professional Counselor in the state of AZ. Contact Shannon Dexter, LCSW, LISAC, Clinical Director and Equine Program Director, at 520-909-4740 to learn more.

MCGEORGE RESIGNS FROM KING GEORGE SCHOOL (November 10, 2009) Jay Ramsey, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management at King George School in Sutton, VT, 800-218-5122 x 103, announced the resignation of Jeremy McGeorge, Director of Admissions. Jeremy will be continuing his work with students and families in the capacity of an educational consultant. Until such time as a replacement can be named, admissions inquiries should be directed to Beth Rowley, Director of Client Relations, or to Amy Burbo, Assistant Director of Admissions, at 800-218-5122.

PARENT COMMENT TO CLOSURE OF MT BACHELOR (November 10, 2009) Woodbury Reports has posted a short letter from a parent whose child was attending Mount Bachelor Academy in Prineville, OR, when the Oregon DHS issued its order for the school to be closed. To read this letter in its entirety, visit StrugglingTeens.com.

CRAWFORD OF LIFE DEVELOPMENT INVITED TO A WORLD SUMMIT (November 10, 2009) Rob Crawford, CEO of Life

Development Institute in Glendale, AZ, was invited to the first World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) on November 16-18, in Doha, Qatar, on behalf of Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, the Chairperson of Qatar Foundation. This summit was initiated by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. Life Development Institute was selected as a laureate finalist in Pluralism for the WISE awards. Contact Rob to learn more at 623-773-2774, ext. 217.

VIVE OFFERS MULTI-MEDIA PARENTING PRODUCT (November 10, 2009) Vive, Boulder, CO, is pleased to launch a new multi-media parenting product: Chaos to Connection: 9 Heart-Centered Essentials to Parenting Your Teen. The philosophy and exercises in this set are effective for families with kids ages ten to twenty-two and is supported by 24/7 real-time access to Vive's professional counseling team located across the country. This package comes in a boxed set that includes workbooks, videos and more. To learn more, contact Susan Holden Walsh, Holden McClure, PR, at 303-449-2526.

MORGAN ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR AT DISCOVERY ACADEMY (November 10, 2009) Dr. Triston Morgan has been named Admissions Director at Discovery Academy, Provo, UT. Dr. Morgan joined Discovery Academy in January 2009 as a therapist after working in both wilderness and residential settings for more than seven years. He can be reached by calling Discovery Academy at 801-374-2121 or on his cell phone at 801-372-7679.

ROSA JOINS EAGLETON SCHOOL (November 11, 2009) The Eagleton School in Great Barrington, MA, 413-528-4385, announced Leandro Rosa has joined the Eagleton School as the new Coordinator of Marketing and Admissions. Leandro was a former AmeriCorps volunteer at the Sage Alternate School in Springfield, MA, case manager and clinician in training at the Springdale Education Center and has also worked in Community Resources for people with Autism, before moving to New York to become a Caseworker in Foster Care Group Homes, also working in Clinical Aftercare Services and acting as a supervisor of two programs. Leandro holds a Master's in Social Work from Hunter College New York, NY.

ANASAZI CHANGES LEADERSHIP TEAM / BOARD OF DIRECTORS (November 12, 2009) Anasazi Foundation, Mesa, AZ, 408-892-7403, has named founder and wilderness therapy pioneer Ezekiel Sanchez as Executive Director and Sterling Tanner as Chairman of the nonprofit behavioral healthcare provider's governing Board of Directors. Former Executive Director, Michael Merchant, will continue to serve as Anasazi's President and as a member of the governing board, which also includes Sanchez, Arbinger Institute CFO Paul Smith, and former chairman Lester Moore, an operating partner director of Huntsman Gay Global Capital.

LA TIMES PARENT INTERVIEWS (November 15, 2009) The LA Times has recently run an article that contains interviews with parents of struggling teens who have had to make the difficult decision to send their child to a wilderness program or therapeutic boarding school. To read this in its entirety, visit StrugglingTeens.com.

MORE ON THE CLOSING OF MT. BACHELOR ACADEMY (November 15, 2009) The Bend Bulletin has published a recent article chronicling the history of Mount Bachelor Academy from its beginning in 1987 to the recent closure on November 3, 2009. In the article, several educational consultants were interviewed, including Lon Woodbury, President of Woodbury Reports, Inc, Alice Jackson, Doug Bodin and Tom Croke. To read this article in its entirety, visit StrugglingTeens.com.

JACKSON JOINS EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS (November 16, 2009) Gay Jackson, RN, BS, joined Renee Goldberg, PhD, at

Educational Options, LLC, Farmington, UT, as an educational consultant on November 8, 2009. Gay has over 30 years experience working as a registered nurse, a certified Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse and has had experience managing acute adolescent, child and adult psychiatric inpatient and residential services. Gay has also worked in crisis intervention and triage in a local hospital. Over the past 9 years, she worked in an adolescent residential treatment center where she was the Admission Director and Associate Executive Director. Gay can be reached at 617-719-3674.

PACIFIC QUEST OPENS IN CALIFORNIA (November 17, 2009) The Orange County Register reported Pacific Quest, a therapeutic wilderness program located in Hawaii for "softer" kids, just opened a second facility on the mainland in San Clemente, CA, to recruit area teenagers who may benefit from their unique program.

OAKLAND SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (November 17, 2009) Amanda Baber, Admissions for Oakland School, Keswick, VA, 434-293-9059, announced the Oakland School would be holding an open house on November 30 for prospective parents, education professionals, clinical psychologists and associated professionals, giving them the opportunity to meet the Director, take student guided tours of classrooms and dorms, talk with teachers and staff, meet the horses and view their beautiful 450 acre campus.

SUCCESSFUL SCARECROW FESTIVAL AT WEST RIDGE (November 17, 2009) West Ridge Academy, West Jordan, UT, recently held their 18th annual Scarecrow Festival, a community event and fundraiser that featured games for all ages, family entertainment, yummy food and a country craft store. With almost 500 volunteers working together for this useful cause, the event that lasted four days was a huge success, with TV and radio station coverage and nearly 27,000 people attending. Please contact Ken Allen, Executive Director of West Ridge, at 801-282-1000 to learn more.

ALL DAY BIOLOGY LABS AT FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOOL (November 18, 2009) Ann Janauer, Principal of The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that Cornell University Professor Mike Yerky, PhD, recently conducted an all-day biology lab on gel electrophoresis for students in the FFS biology and college biology classes. Professor Yerky, outreach coordinator for the Cornell Institute of Biology Teachers, was the guest of FFS biology teacher Edmund Leung and performs the lab with high school students each year throughout New York. It was his second visit to FFS. Gel electrophoresis is a way to separate DNA fragments and is a common diagnostic procedure used to identify the biological father of an offspring.

FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN DRUG AWARENESS WEEK (November 18, 2009) Jeff Brain, VP for External Affairs at The Family Foundation School, announced that eight FFS students shared their recovery experiences with the Youngville (NY) Middle School and High School during Drug Awareness Week. It was the second year the alternative school sought out FFS to help observe the week and show students ways to have fun without drugs. In addition to sharing their stories, FFS students judged an anti-drug poster contest and joined the Youngville students in recreational activities.

FAMILY FOUNDATION BOYS WIN SOCCER TITLE (November 18, 2009) Willy Williamson, Athletic Director at the Family Foundation School in Hancock, NY, announced that the 2009 FFS boys' soccer team won the New York State Section 9 championship for the third time in the last seven years. The Falcons beat archrival Chapel Field 3-1 on October 31. They moved on to the State Class D finals but lost to Smithtown (Long Island) 3-2 in double overtime on November 10, 2009.

TRAILS CAROLINA HAS A SUPER FIRST YEAR (November 19, 2009) Mark Oerther, Director of Admissions, and Graham Shannonhouse, Executive Director, Trails Carolina, Lake Toxaway, NC, 888-387-2457, announced Trails Carolina has had a super first year and are gearing up for a successful second year. They extend a sincere thank you to all that have supported them during this first year.

NEW LEADERSHIP AT OXBOW ACADEMY (November 19, 2009) Oxbow Academy, Wales, UT, announced the resignation of Heather Green, Clinical Director. Heather has chosen to pursue a career opportunity outside of the adolescent therapy industry in another state. Therapist Gregg Lott, LCSW, will serve as interim director. We extend our heartfelt thanks and wish Heather the very best in her new career.

COOPERRIIS FOUNDERS OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPISTS OF 2009 (November 19, 2009) Virgil Stucker, Executive Director at CooperRiis, Mill Spring, NC, 828-899-4673, announced that Don and Lisbeth Riis Cooper were named as the recipients of the WNC Chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals 2009 Outstanding Philanthropists Award at a November 19 Award Luncheon. National Philanthropy Day was celebrated with the announcement by J. Clarkson of Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Don and Lisbeth are the founders of CooperRiis and have dedicated this award to their daughter, Danie'le, who was the inspiration in the creation of CooperRiis.

KNUTSON PROMOTED AT ASPEN RANCH (November 20, 2009) Aspen Ranch, Loa, UT, 435-836-1103, is pleased to announce the appointment of Kevin Knutson, LPC, NCC, as Executive Director. Knutson is the Ranch's former Program Director. Prior to Aspen Ranch, Knutson worked as a school counselor for families and youth in crisis and taught life and decision-making skills to junior high and high school students. He also was the clinical director for a private counseling service, a university instructor of mental health courses and a therapist at a youth wilderness program. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Brigham Young University and was formerly a Captain in the US Army. Knutson also is a Certified Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Services Worker.

MCGEORGE JOINS BERTRAM EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS (November 20, 2009) Jeremy McGeorge, formerly the Director of Admissions at King George, is excited to announce he has recently joined Bertram Educational Consultants in Shelburne Falls, MA, as the Director of Special Needs Services. To contact Jeremy, please call 413-207-1141 or contact him by email.

GABLES ACADEMY LOOKING FOR PARTNER (November 20, 2009) James D. Meffen, President and Headmaster of Gables Academy in Stone Mountain, GA, 770-465-7500, announced he is looking for an immediate partner and/or the availability to become a satellite location for another program. The location includes 7 acres of secluded wooded campus with a small lake in NE Metro Atlanta, a current capacity on campus which includes 8 boarders/residents plus space for live- ins. The school building handles a minimum of 24 students (6:1 student/teacher ratio) with architectural plans for additional residential buildings and school building in hand and the approval by the city for as many as 64 beds. Please contact James Meffen for more information.

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