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“Seeding Tomorrow’s Success: The Evolution of the Florence Crittenton School”

Parent Pathways Luncheon Sept. 16 Celebrates 25 Years Serving Teen Families

DENVER, COLORADO - Aug. 10, 2009 –

The Denver nonprofit Parent Pathways will mark 25 years since it launched the Florence Crittenton School and began helping pregnant and parenting teens finish their education by hosting a festive luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009.

Dr. María Guajardo, executive director of the Mayor’s Office for Education and Children, will be the featured speaker at the event, which runs from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. The luncheon emcee is former 9News Anchor/Reporter Gregg Moss, who was marketing director at Parent Pathways when it was known as Human Services Inc.

Presenting sponsor Accenture will unveil a special mini-documentary highlighting the evolution of Parent Pathways over more than 100 years and the Florence Crittenton School over the past quarter century, when it has evolved from a home for unwed mothers to a successful high school that recently graduated a record 41 teen moms. Other sponsors of the luncheon include PCL Construction, FirstBank, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

The Florence Crittenton School opened in 1984, three years after the Florence Crittenton Home for closed its doors after almost 80 years giving unwed mothers a place to live and deliver their babies before giving them up for adoption. The school, created in response to high dropout rates among teen mothers and a high incidence of low birth-weight babies, was originally named the Teen Parent Education Network.

The 25th anniversary will also be celebrated during the Florence Crittenton School’s annual reunion/homecoming in October and during the “Miles for Moms” Run/Walk on Mothers Day weekend 2010, culminating in the graduation of the 25th class in May.

The largest provider of services to teen mothers in Denver, the Florence Crittenton School serves about 200 teen mothers each year, helping them finish high school, give birth to healthy babies, learn how to be nurturing mothers, prevent repeat pregnancies, obtain post-secondary education and acquire marketable job skills and work experience.

Parent Pathways’ Qualistar-rated Early Learning Center provides licensed, on-site early childhood education for the babies of the school’s teen moms, and the Young Fathers Program provides a comprehensive array of counseling, vocational, parenting and other support services to prepare young fathers for the responsibilities and joys of fatherhood. More information is available at www.parentpathways.org.

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