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Maria Guajardo speaks as Parent Pathways Celebrates the 25-Year Evolution of the Florence Crittenton School Sept. 16

Tom Boasberg to Attend Wednesday's Luncheon

DENVER, COLORADO - Sept. 16, 2009 –

Dr. María Guajardo, executive director of the Mayor's Office for Education and Children, and Denver Public Schools Superintendent Tom Boasberg will join Denver nonprofit Parent Pathways in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Florence Crittenton School for pregnant and parenting teens at a grand luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center tomorrow, Sept. 16, 2009.

Former 9News Anchor/Reporter Gregg Moss, who was marketing director at Parent Pathways when it was known as Human Services Inc., is the luncheon emcee. The event runs from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Presenting sponsor Accenture will debut a short documentary highlighting the evolution of the Florence Crittenton School over 25 years, as it has evolved from a home for unwed mothers to a successful high school that in May 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 closed its doors after almost 90 years devoted to giving unwed mothers a place to live and deliver their babies before giving them up for adoption. The school, created in response to growing dropout rates among teen mothers and a high incidence of low birth-weight babies, was originally named the Teen Parent Education Network, or TPEN.

The 25th anniversary will also be celebrated during the Florence Crittenton School's annual Homecoming Reunion Oct. 2 and the "Miles for Moms" Run/Walk on Mothers Day weekend 2010, culminating in the graduation of the school's 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, obtain post-secondary education and acquire marketable job skills and work experience.

About Parent Pathways

Parent Pathways is a Denver-based non-profit that empowers struggling teen families to be productive members of the community. Using a holistic and proven approach, Parent Pathways offers a spectrum of wraparound services for the entire teen family, including education, career guidance and parenting training for pregnant and parenting teen mothers at the Florence Crittenton School; early childhood education for their babies and toddlers at the Qualistar-rated Early Learning Center; and counseling, education and parenting support for teen fathers through the Young Fathers Program. Learn more at www.parentpathways.org.

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