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Children Exposed to Alcoholism and other Drug Addictions get Support from Pavillon

Mill Spring, NC – 2008. Thanks to a sizeable grant from The Duke Endowment, this region's premiere center for the treatment of alcoholism and other drug addictions will continue to reach at risk children in North and South Carolina.

Pavillon received \$50,000 to continue administering its Children's Program throughout the Carolinas. The grant is part of a \$150,000 pledge from The Duke Endowment.

"We are delighted that the Duke Endowment shares our commitment to reaching at-risk children in the Carolinas regarding the affects of this devastating family disease," said Anne Vance, CEO of Pavillon.

As a non-profit, fully accredited organization, Pavillon is a recognized leader for its effectiveness in the field of twelve-step residential treatment, research-based recovery services and education for chemical dependency and related disorders.

Pavillon's Children's Program promotes healing and wellness for children who have a family member who suffers from addiction. The program builds upon children's strengths, deepens their resilience and further helps them to realize their own intrinsic worth. Potential participants of the program are identified through working closely with area school systems and many social service organizations.

A great deal of research continues to take place regarding the depth of impact on children of addiction. In the area of prevention, scientists from the National Institute of Drug Abuse are specifically studying the issues children face in a home with alcohol and drug abuse and the increased risks they face.

Three areas are targeted for research: family functioning and parenting, early problematic childhood characteristics and psychological skill enhancement. A risk factor takes the form of early conduct disorders such as depression and acting out. Prevention of eventual drug and alcohol abuse in these children must include helping them intellectually in the areas of setting goals, analyzing and solving problems, dealing with strong negative feelings, and recognizing and controlling impulses. Pavillon's Children Program specifically addresses these key issues.

A Center for the Treatment of Alcoholism & other Drug Addictions



The program is free to any child, age 6-14, who has family members with alcohol and/or drug addiction. The program takes place at Pavillon's 140-acre campus, located 30 minutes from Hendersonville, NC.

Children engage in educationally therapeutic and fun activities each day. The child's adult companion participates briefly on Friday during the welcome and orientation and again at the end of the program on Sunday for closing activities and lunch.

For confidential information, or to register your child, please call Pavillon at 800.392.4808.