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MEDIA ALERT:

**CANYON ACRES HOSTS GRAND OPENING OF
THE ERIN J. LASTINGER CHILDREN'S GARDEN IN MEMORY OF A. GARY ANDERSON**

Garden Marks the Culmination of Canyon Acres' successful 25th Anniversary Campaign

WHAT: Canyon Acres Children and Family Services is hosting the grand opening of the Erin J. Lastinger Children's Garden in Memory of A. Gary Anderson. The garden marks the successful completion of Canyon Acres' 25th anniversary campaign, which raised more than \$4 million. Campaign funds will provide support to Canyon Acres' core programs, assist with capital improvements, and allow for programmatic growth that makes it possible to serve more children in the years to come.

The garden was designed to stimulate healing for the children of Canyon Acres and provide them with a space that inspires joy and laughter. A ribbon cutting ceremony will begin the festivities, which will include dedication of the Wall of Thanks and a hors d'oeuvre reception. Valet parking will be provided to guests.

WHO: Canyon Acres is a highly unique, one-of-a-kind child and family service organization in Southern California with the ability, desire and professional expertise to treat severely abused, neglected, and emotionally troubled children. Canyon Acres represents real hope to children who have been emotionally traumatized, requiring both mental health treatment and physical protection. Canyon Acres has been serving children throughout Southern California since 1980. What was once a home for 12 young children has grown to be a model child welfare agency; providing a full range of much-needed services for more than 200 children each day.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 8, 2008
4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Open House
5:30 p.m. Garden Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Wall of Thanks Dedication

WHERE: Canyon Acres Treatment Center "The Ranch":
233 South Quintana
Anaheim Hills, CA 92807

PHOTO OP: The Children's Treatment Center, "The Ranch," is a secluded, 4.6 acre ranch in Anaheim Hills that offers children and visitors a serene, secure environment in which to learn, grow, and heal. Passing the renowned horses that provide therapeutic treatment to the children and the 12-foot murals on the building walls, guests ascend to the Children's Garden. The garden itself feels like an escape to another world, with tall trees, park benches, and a bubbling brook that together provide a tranquil and soothing atmosphere designed to make a child feel like they've at last found peace.

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