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**WINDELL STOUT JOINS CANYON ACRES' BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ANAHEIM HILLS, Calif., August 4, 2008** -- CANYON ACRES CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, a charity organization committed to providing homes, care, treatment and supportive services for abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children and their families, today announced that Windell Stout has joined its board of directors. Stout is CEO of California Sunset Escrow and a renowned philanthropist. He has been actively committed to Canyon Acres for the past several years and is essential to numerous fund-raising efforts to support the agency.

"We are honored to have Windell join our board," said Clete Menke, executive director of Canyon Acres. "He brings a wealth of insight into the Orange County philanthropic community, a keen business mind and most important—a desire to help our children. Windell will be a tremendous asset as Canyon Acres continues to evolve for the benefit of the children."

Stout is known for his charity efforts throughout Orange County as a board member and current president of philanthropic group I Padrini d'Antonello. He is also a member of CHP 11-99 Foundation, a charitable organization that provides benefits and scholarships

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to California Highway Patrol family members and he provides support to the local church he and his family attend. I Padrini d'Antonello has hosted Canyon Acres' "Evening Under the Stars" event for the past two years and will hold its third annual event this fall at Antonello Ristorante.

"With my experience in Orange County, I believe Canyon Acres to be one of the premier children's services agencies in the county and I am excited to be a part of that to change children's lives one at a time," said Stout. "The agency is in an exciting phase of evolution and I look forward to helping guide it to further success."

### **ABOUT CANYON ACRES**

Canyon Acres is a highly unique, one-of-a-kind place 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 care and mental health services for over 200 children each day.

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