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DEVEREUX CELEBRATES RE-DESIGNED CAMPUS AREA WITH RIBBON CUTTING AND RECEPTION

GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 11, 2009 – Approximately 60 people attended a Ribbon Cutting and Wine & Cheese Reception on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, hosted by Devereux California on its newly re-designed campus.

Representatives from government, chambers of commerce, UCSB, Goleta Valley Beautiful and Devereux’s national board joined Devereux California clients and family members in the celebration.

Executive Administrator, Amy Evans, said to the guests: “Most of you know that we have been through significant changes over the past several years, with the closing of the Children’s programs in 2006 and the sale of the 33-acre Devereux property to UCSB in the fall of 2007. This is where I’d like to enlist your support. It’s not uncommon when I tell people where I work, they say, ‘I thought you had closed the place when you sold the land.’ We are really trying to get the word out that Devereux is still here. So when you hear someone ask about Devereux, do let them know that we are still here. You all can be ambassadors for us!”

On the four-plus acres that Devereux has leased back from UCSB on a long-term basis, they currently operate residential, day treatment and respite programs and the Greenhouse.

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With the re-design of the campus, there are walking paths, picnic areas and a fountain, as well as two remodeled residences, Weisman and Mark Villa. The area is now much more person-friendly and self-sufficient, providing a therapeutic environment for both clients and staff.

Devereux currently provides services for 75 adult and elderly clients with developmental disabilities and emotional, behavioral disorders. Much of their work is done in Supported Living settings, where professional staff provide support that is needed by individuals in their own homes and apartments throughout Santa Barbara County, including the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Buellton, Lompoc and Santa Maria.

There was a great deal of Devereux history among the people attending the Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Mayor Roger Aceves of Goleta spoke about his positive memories of interacting with Devereux staff and clients through his work on the I.V. Foot Patrol; and Steve Cushman, President of the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce, spoke of his valuable experience working as a counselor for Devereux while attending UCSB in the late '60s. Several residents who have been at Devereux since Helena Devereux opened the program here 64 years ago joined in the celebration.

As part of this nation's largest, nonprofit provider of behavioral health care services, Devereux has been providing treatment and support to thousands of individuals and families since 1912 in Pennsylvania and since 1945 in California.

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