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**FOUNDATION SUPPORTS HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AT
SAN PASQUAL ACADEMY**

“Provide us a place to live where there is trust between staff and youth, best-friend relations can be made, we can learn, feel safe and be recognized as individuals” is the students’ best description of what they want at San Pasqual Academy.

The Academy is a bridge to knowledge, support and hope for foster teens between the ages of 14-18 who are dependents of Juvenile Court. The Academy opened in October 2001 as a first-in-the-nation residential education campus. It is a fully accredited high school which provides family-style homes on the campus and many things these teens never dreamed of having: personal computers for each youth in their homes, a CIF certified gymnasium, technology and career center, swimming pool, and most especially a caring “family”.

The Friends of San Pasqual Academy (FSPA) is a group of dedicated people, mostly from Rancho Santa Fe, who gathered together two years ago, under the incredible leadership of Joan Scott and Carole Markstein, to bring some extra love and friendship to the students at San Pasqual Academy. Since then, FSPA has sponsored proms and graduation parties, obtained athletic shoes and team uniforms, found funding for extra computers and “stuff” for their rooms, among other things. This is an incredibly dedicated group of people who have helped to give these teens all that they are asking for.

The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation has become very involved with a new project on campus, the Health and Wellness Center. The funding for the building itself was generously donated by a San Diego family, and construction is complete. The Foundation is providing the \$20,000 of initial funding for furniture and other miscellaneous items in the waiting area, reception area, the nurse station and an exam room, the staff restroom, conference room/kitchenette, small classroom, and two unisex restrooms. \$5000 is being provided through discretionary funds of the Foundation, the Donald and Elizabeth Dickinson Fund is donating \$10,000 and the remaining \$5,000 is being given through the Beckman-Matsui Family Fund, the Goldsmith Donor Advised Fund, the Jane and Roger Rowe Donor Advised Fund, and the Seiber Family Fund. The total cost of the project is \$75,000.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, we are looking to gather an additional \$55,000 in support from our community in order that the rest of the building can be completed. Should you wish to make a gift to this wonderful project, please contact Christy Wilson, Executive Director, of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation. Gifts may be made by check, credit card, or the donation of appreciated securities.

The Grand Opening of the Health and Wellness Center is scheduled for September 15, 2004. Through the efforts of Friends of San Pasqual Academy, there has already been so much support from our community. Please join us in this project to provide 135 children with a facility that will educate them about good health habits, nutrition, medical and dental hygiene ... those things that we take for granted and that they deserve, as well. Join up – join in, and let's get this project done together!

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation is to enhance and preserve the quality of life within the greater Rancho Santa Fe area by promoting responsible and effective philanthropy. In pursuit of this mission, the Foundation:

- Will increase awareness and understanding of the unique role played by the Foundation in identifying community needs.
- Will assist in addressing those needs with financial awards and organizational support.
- Will assist donors in building and preserving enduring assets for charitable purposes in the greater Rancho Santa Fe area.