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Regional organization serving children and families to merge with international organization

HARRISBURG, PA – (April 10, 2008) – Family & Children Services (F&CS) of Central Pennsylvania, a nonprofit organization that provides programs for children and families, announced plans today to merge with an international nonprofit organization that offers similar services.

F&CS plans to join Pressley Ridge, which serves troubled children and families in Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, as well as Hungary and Portugal. Pressley Ridge provides residential treatment, education services, treatment foster care and community-based programs to 4,000 children and families each year.

F&CS provides programs including adoption, outpatient therapy, parenting education and in-home services in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lancaster, Perry and York counties. The organization serves more than 2,000 children, adults and families each day.

“This merger will help ensure the future viability of our work in Central Pennsylvania,” said Scott Spangler, F&CS president and CEO. “It will create greater financial and organizational stability, more effective and efficient services, and new and expanded programs for our clients and our community.”

“Today’s nonprofits are faced with the same financial realities faced by the public sector,” said B. Scott Finnell, Ph.D., LCSW, president and CEO of Pressley Ridge. “It’s important that Pressley Ridge continuously seek opportunities to provide cost-effective quality services to more children and families while increasing our economies of scale and avoiding duplication of services. Our merger with Family & Children Services accomplishes these goals as well as others.”

The organizations, once combined, will operate under the Pressley Ridge name with an annual budget of approximately \$70 million and more than 1,200 employees. Funding for the programs will come from a variety of sources, including fee-for-service, grants, governmental contracts and local United Ways.

“We look forward to the new ideas and creativity that this will bring our organization,” Finnell said. “F&CS has expertise in the delivery of community-based programming. That’s an area we wish to expand in the future. We appreciate and value the professional service capacity and leadership that F&CS will add to our organization in that arena.”

About F&CS

F&CS, created by the merger of Family Service Partners (York and Harrisburg) and Family Service of Lancaster in May 2007, employs 150 people with an annual operating budget of more than \$6.5 million.

About Pressley Ridge

For 176 years, Pressley Ridge has been helping troubled children find joy in life, become healthy and productive, and find a place in society where they can be a success.

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