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### **Youthville's Dodge City Psychiatric Treatment Facility receives grant for Therapeutic Instrument Program**

(Wichita, Kan., Dec. 11, 2008) – Residents at Youthville's Dodge City campus will receive instruments as a part of a new Therapeutic Instrument program called Drum Circle on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. at the Youthville campus chapel, 11200 Lariat Way, Dodge City, Kan. The instruments for the program were purchased through a \$600 grant recently awarded to Youthville by the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas.

The Drum Circle program correlates with a new Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) clinical framework adopted by Youthville. The framework is based on the research of Dr. Bruce Perry, internationally renowned expert in the field of child trauma research and treatment. Included in his model is the proven ability of music to help with brain development.

The Drum Circle is designed to help children develop cognitively through musical expression. The idea for the program came about when Richard Falcon, Youthville Unit Supervisor, was working towards his college degree in music. He began studying music and psychology and became aware of the benefits of music on human brain development. The research he found regarding the benefits were later confirmed by Dr. Perry's model.

"The drum circle is not so much about music or learning music as it is providing the children with a creative outlet to express their emotions and relieve every day stress," Falcon said. "When you play rhythmic instruments, you're developing parts of the brain without even knowing it."

The Youthville Psychiatric Treatment Facility is for children ages 8 -18 who need time away to address issues and remove barriers from becoming a family again. This 24-hour, highly structured treatment is for youth whose behaviors threaten the safety of themselves or others. Youthville is committed to caring for children in an innovative way that encourages growth mentally, physically, and creatively through all forms of expression.

Youthville's vision is to provide the best sources of help to children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected with its mission of **Giving Children Back Their Childhood**. Over 3,000 children are cared for annually by Youthville. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit [www.youthville.org](http://www.youthville.org).

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