

Media Alert

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Students make mosaics to light up Youthville's campus

(Wichita, Kan., July 22, 2009) –Students from Youthville's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in Newton, Kan. recently designed, painted and broke tiles to create a mosaic around the bottom of the light poles on campus. Families of the students and staff will also have the opportunity to create tiles at a Friends and Family event on Friday, July 24 from 2-4 p.m. on the Newton campus. Each light pole mosaic will include an inspirational theme.

What: Light Pole Mosaic Opening Reception
Music and refreshments will be provided

Who: Kids from Youthville's PRTF in Newton, their families and staff

When: Friday, Aug. 14

Where: Youthville Newton Campus, 900 W. Broadway, Newton, Kan.

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) are for children ages 10 to 18 years 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. Youthville has two campuses, one in Dodge City and the other in Newton. Youthville is committed to caring for children in an innovative way that encourages growth mentally, physically, and creatively through creative forms of expression. Only 8 percent of the children in foster care reside in PRTFs.

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit, child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, psychiatric residential treatment and counseling. The agency's more than 600 employees are passionate about its mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood to the 1,400 Kansas children who suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and trauma. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit www.youthville.org.

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