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## **Crestwood Behavioral Health – Solano Achieves Stellar Five-Year Safety Record**

*Crestwood Continues to Uphold the Highest Values in Safety, Care and Service*

VALLEJO, Calif., October 31, 2006 — Crestwood Behavioral Health Center - Solano is proud to announce it has reached the five year mark with a ZERO incidence rate of serious employee injuries. This is a noteworthy achievement for any residential care facility, but particularly remarkable for a mental health rehabilitation center serving consumers with persistent mental illness.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 2005, all residential care facilities nationwide experienced an average of 8.7 injuries (more serious than first aid) during the year for every group of 100 employees. Crestwood Solano maintains an average workforce of 72 people and has not experienced a single serious employee injury in an unprecedented five consecutive years.

“We have made a concerted effort to increase safety awareness in our everyday interactions and have developed a safety-conscious culture among our staff, as well as consumers,” said Gail McDonald, Crestwood Solano facility administrator. “Our employees understand the value of working safely, which has helped us provide a more comfortable environment for all.”

Crestwood Solano places safety at the same level as any other aspect of mental health care treatment. In addition to a comprehensive Injury & Illness Prevention Program and training that enables staff to provide services and interventions in a safe way, Crestwood Solano has developed unique ways to maintain a safe environment for its consumers and employees. Staff members are directly involved in safety programs and fully integrated into the overall facility management. They are always encouraged to participate in providing solutions to potential safety issues and are recognized and rewarded for following high safety standards. Minor “first aid” type injuries are successfully treated by appropriate licensed staff at the facility in addition to staff members being invited to take advantage of holistic medicine sessions and free massage with an in-house nurse practitioner. A continued emphasis on employee and consumer safety has proven to be a key factor in Crestwood Solano’s success.

“At Crestwood, we place a high value on our employees who are providing care to mental health consumers – these are the two most important groups to our organization,” said George Lytal, president and chief executive officer of Crestwood Behavioral Health.

“Safety is as important as any other benefit we provide them.”

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About Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.

Crestwood Behavioral Health has been providing mental health care treatment and services in California communities since 1968. Crestwood currently serves 50 of California's 58 counties in facilities throughout the state. The company offers mental health consumers and their families a continuum of care and treatment, from traditional psychiatric services to innovative recovery programs geared towards community reintegration. Crestwood operates all of its facilities on the basic premise that most mental health issues are treatable and that recovery is not only possible, it is what Crestwood consumers and their families work towards.

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