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Shane's Inspiration Moves to Larger Offices Growth Reflects Demand for Universally Accessible Playgrounds

September 4, 2007 (Valley Village, CA) Shane's Inspiration, the 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that creates and design universally accessible playgrounds, announces it is moving to larger offices in Van Nuys, California effective September 11, 2007. The move reflects the organization's rapidly expanding growth as the number of its playground projects increase regionally, nationally and globally. The new, larger spaces will enable the organization to increase production and fundraising as it prepares to launch playgrounds in 10 major cities across the United States, as well as projects in India, Japan, Cambodia and Ireland.

Currently, the organization has been operating for several years from an 1,800 square foot house converted into offices. The new, two-story office building boasts 3,207 square feet allowing for more staff and bigger meeting spaces.

Shane's Inspiration, the organization, began modestly in 1997 in the home garage of its founders Catherine Curry-Williams and Scott Williams in memorial to their infant son, Shane, born with the fatal condition of spinal muscular atrophy. Had Shane survived, he would have spent his life in a wheelchair preventing him from playing in parks that existed at the time. The Williams, along with their friend and co-founder Tiffany Harris, set into plan a proposal to start the first universally accessible playground in the western United States. Over the next three years, they raised a million dollars and received community support from local officials and businesses. In the year 2000, the founders opened the organization's flagship universally accessible playground, Shane's Inspiration, in Griffith Park in Los Angeles. The playground was enthusiastically received by the community and the subsequent demand from families, educators and municipalities spurred the organization's action to fulfill requests for more universally accessible playgrounds. Since 2000, Shane's Inspiration has opened 14 playgrounds in Southern California and in Fort Collins, Colorado. Over 86 more are in development in the United States and across the world.

The organization's community outreach programs, including its innovative education program, Together We Are Able, furthers the mission of Shane's Inspiration: to eliminate bias toward children with disabilities by creating Universally Accessible Playgrounds and programs that integrate children of all abilities socially, emotionally, and physically.

The new address of Shane's Inspiration will be 15213 Burbank Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91411. The new telephone is (818) 988-5676 and the new fax number will be (818) 988-5677. The Web site address remains the same at www.shanesinspiration.org.

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