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Pathways Recognized at Annual Foster Care Conference

Numerous Individuals Nominated and Awarded for their Outstanding Work with Children and Families in Texas

Corpus Christi, TX – October 6, 2007 – The Texas Foster Family Association (TFFA) this weekend awarded several individuals with Pathways Youth and Family Services (Pathways) for their work with children and families across the state of Texas.

Nominations were as follows:

- Bibi Hanson – Program Administrator of the Year
- Elizabeth Polk – Foster Home Development Supervisor of the Year
- Linda Gamez – Certificate of Merit
- Roberto & Yolanda Garza – Foster Family of the Year
- Joe & Debra Isbell – Foster Family of the Year
- Elizabeth Woody – Single Foster Parent of the Year
- Peggy Bean – Medically Fragile Family of the Year
- Jack & Jeri Kounce – Medically Fragile Family of the Year
- Vanessa Adrian-O’Ryan – Case Manager of the Year
- Laurie Howell – Case Manager of the Year
- Pathways Youth and Family Services – Agency of the Year

Awards were presented to:

- Elizabeth Polk – Foster Home Development Supervisor of the Year
- Laurie Howell – Case Manager of the Year
- Elizabeth Woody – Single Foster Parent of the Year

Pathways Executive Director, Travis Pearson, says, “Great things occur when people care about their work and it’s always important to recognize excellence. I’m proud to see so many Pathways people on this list and my congratulations go out to every nominee and award winner.”

This was the 34th annual foster parent conference held by TFFA. Each year over 800 people attend the event each year for training, agency development and networking.

About The Texas Foster Family Association

TFFA is an coalition of Texas foster families and agencies formed in 1974 whose purpose is to educate, motivate and support foster/foster-adoptive parents and to be

a united voice advocating issues concerning foster/foster-adoptive families.

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About Pathways

Pathways Youth and Family Services is a private non-profit social service agency founded in 1992. The organization currently serves 600 children, 300 foster families and facilitated the adoption of 150 children in 2006. Pathways was named Agency of the Year by the Texas Foster Family Association in 2006.

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