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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL AND THE PALISADES AT BROADMOOR PARK LAUNCH NEW INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) eagerly announces the start of “Senior Friends,” on **October 13th from 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**, when CSS fourth graders will visit Independent Living and Assisted Living residents of The Palisades at Broadmoor Park. The partnership program will be called “4th Grade Friends” for the residents of The Palisades, who will be offered the opportunity to spend time with the students once a month for activities, theme days, and other fun events. The fourth grade class will also extend invitations to their Senior Friends throughout the year to attend performances such as Holiday Tea and Dessert Theatre on the campus of The Colorado Springs School.

“During our fourth graders November visit they will interview their senior friends and will then use the interviews to produce a paper,” said Lisa Birnbaum, 4th Grade Teacher at The Colorado Springs School. “At The Colorado Springs School we value connecting our kids with the community and participating in service-learning projects.”

The staff and administration of both The Colorado Springs School and The Palisades are excited about the program and the opportunity to help create lasting intergenerational friendships. They also emphasize one of the inspirations for the program: the importance of learning across the life span and being a part of the community. The Palisades is noted for its unique and deep partnerships with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, yet the program with the fourth graders at CSS is yet another shining example of why Jeff Dunn, of Dunn & Associates, and The Palisades at Broadmoor Park, received Intergeneration Foundation's "Intergeneration Day Means Business" Grand Award.

“We are so excited to be working with CSS on this exciting program! Bringing together students, whether they be in elementary school or graduate school, and residents is important because they can learn so much from one another and really enjoy each other's company!” said Hayley Gravette,

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Memory Care Director at The Palisades at Broadmoor Park. “Offering opportunities for our residents to engage with members of our community of all ages is integral to The Palisades' mission, so the program with CSS is a wonderful partnership which will benefit both the students and the residents!”

The Palisades at Broadmoor Park and The Colorado Springs School campus are less than 4 miles from one another, making regular contact and trips quite accessible. In a day and age when generations of families are often spread out geographically, programs like this can provide tremendously rich intergenerational connections. Less than 5% of the residents at Palisades have grandchildren living in the community.

Additional visits are being planned for

- November 10, 2008
- December 8, 2008
- January 12, 2009,
- February 9, 2009
- March 9, 2009
- April 13, 2009

Interviews, television and photography access can be arranged by contacting Jessica James, Director of Communications at The Colorado Springs School, at 719-434-3506 or at jjames@css.org.

About The Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity. For more information, call 719-475-9747 or visit www.css.org.

About The Palisades at Broadmoor Park

The Palisades at Broadmoor Park, which opened September 25th, is a senior living community with independent living, assisted living, and memory care programs. It has been developed by Dunn & Associates Inc., a locally owned company and proud resident of Colorado Springs for 30 years. This innovative community is the result of a partnership between Dunn & Associates Inc. and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Gerontology Dept. and the Beth-El College of Nursing. For more information, and to schedule a personal tour, please call 719-**226-2273** and also please visit: www.PalisadesCARE.com.

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