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DANA HAWES NAMED AS HEAD OF DOOLEY CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Experienced educator will direct school for at-risk youth

Richmond, VA – St. Joseph's Villa is pleased to announce that Dana Hawes has accepted the position of Head of Academy for the Dooley Center for Alternative Education effective immediately.

Mr. Hawes has an extensive background in educational leadership. He served as principal, assistant principal and instructional leader in both Henrico County and the Capital City Program in partnership with Richmond Public Schools. He holds a Post Graduate Professional License with an endorsement in Administration and Leadership. Mr. Hawes has completed the University of Richmond's "Next Generation of Leadership Academy" (2008), the EduLead's "Leaders in Transition Summer Institute" (2009), and is currently dually enrolled in Walden University's doctoral program in Higher Education and Adult Learning and a graduate certification program in Non-Profit Organizational Management.

As Head of the Dooley Center for Alternative Education at St. Joseph's Villa, Mr. Hawes will lead a high school dedicated to providing academic and behavioral education to students who have been suspended or expelled from their local schools. The school educates as many as 40 students each day who have been sent to the school by school systems in the City of Richmond and Henrico and Hanover Counties.

"We are thrilled that Dana is joining us at St. Joseph's Villa," said Susan Pokorski, Senior Director of Children's Educational Services at St. Joseph's Villa. "Dana is dedicated to working with at-risk youth. He brings high energy and an innovative vision for the program. His commitment to best practice is evidenced by his ability to use data analysis to drive decisions and lead a team. We are very excited to have Dana on the Children's Educational Services Team."

St. Joseph's Villa

Established in Richmond in 1834, St. Joseph's Villa is metro-Richmond, Virginia's oldest and largest continuously-operating children's nonprofit organization. The Villa is located on a spacious 82-acre campus in Richmond/Henrico County and builds stronger children, families and communities. The Villa serves more than 500 children and families daily, through the delivery of day, after-school and residential programs that include: special and nontraditional education programs for at-risk youth; education and housing services for homeless children and their families; education and respite, summer and after-school care for children with autism and developmental disabilities; behavioral treatment programs for children and families; housing for adults with disabilities; and a child development center. The Villa is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation and is an approved Medicaid provider for many of its services.

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