



WestCare California will hold its semi-annual commencement ceremony on May 1, 2008 at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will be held at the Fresno-Westside Seventh Day Adventist Church. Approximately 50 men and women will graduate after having successfully completed programs at WestCare California, the Valley's largest residential substance abuse treatment provider. WestCare's mission is to "Uplift the Human Spirit" and the organization is proud of each and every one of the 2008 spring graduates. These graduates are from our Fresno & Kern programs. **Ms. Francine Oputa** director of Fresno State's Central Valley Cultural Heritage Institute will be the keynote speaker at this traditional cap-and-gown ceremony, which will be attended by other dignitaries and several hundred friends and relatives of the WestCare graduates. Additionally Ms. Oputa is an accomplished performer and sought after storyteller and motivational speaker.

Fresno-Westside Church is located at 2750 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd (one half mile south of Jensen on MLK). Reporters and cameras are welcome before, during and after the ceremony. WestCare staff can assist in arranging individual interviews with the graduates, or pre-event profiles and stories. For those services, please contact: Ahmad Bahrami Coordinator of Community Involvement at (559) 237-3420 ext 243 or ahmad.bahrami@westcare.com. Thank you for your time.

Additional Information Regarding WestCare's Services are also available by contacting Ahmad Bahrami, or visit us on the web at www.westcare.com