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**Youth and In-Custody participants set to graduate in WestCare's bi-annual graduation ceremony!**

**Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Fresno-Westside 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church located at 2750 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd**

WestCare California, Inc will host its Bi-Annual Commencement Ceremony on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Approximately 60 men, women, and youth participants will graduate after having successfully completed programs at WestCare. WestCare is the valley's largest residential substance abuse treatment provider. WestCare has been providing quality human and social services to the community for 35 years. Graduates will include those from inpatient, outpatient, and in-custody programs. Participants will be coming from all over the valley (Fresno, Bakersfield, and Hanford).

WestCare's Mission is to "*Uplift the Human Spirit*" and as such we are proud of all of our graduates. We are also proud of the women graduates from the Family Foundation Programs (an alternative sentencing program for pregnant/parenting female offenders which allows them to keep their children, receive treatment, parenting, counseling, medical service, etc while serving out their time in a community correctional setting). One of the graduates will be completing the program the night of the graduation event.

The keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony will be the Honorable Judge Adolfo M Corona. Judge Corona currently serves on the Fresno County Superior Court, presiding over Civil Law and Motion Cases. Judge Corona is a valley native. Judge Corona also served on the WestCare California Board of Directors. Until 2003 when he was appointed to the Superior Court.

Reporters and cameras are welcome before, during and after the ceremony. WestCare can assist in arranging individual interviews with the graduates, or pre-event profiles and stories.

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