

June 23, 2008

Dear Friends of Vanguard Services Unlimited:

It has been another productive year at Vanguard as we strive to meet the treatment and recovery needs of people in our area. As our fiscal year draws to a close on June 30th, it seems to be a good time to reflect on Vanguard's accomplishments over the past year. By no means a comprehensive list, the items below do show, however, much that has been accomplished. I thank you for your support and interest in our work. Here is a sampling of what we have recently achieved:

- ◆ Treatment of over 800 individuals in our combined Vanguard Programs
- ◆ Program completion rates consistently over national averages
- ◆ Expanded Boys Recovery Lodge to 16 beds to meet continuing high demand for adolescent treatment
- ◆ Boys and Girls Recovery Lodges awarded 2008 Program of Excellence Award from the Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol Programs.
- ◆ Achieved approval for a new major funding source for adolescent services
- ◆ Establishment of Demeter House and Phoenix Program as gender-specific programs
- ◆ Graduated third class of Vanguard Academy, agency's internal staff year long training institute
- ◆ Opened a beautiful new Counseling Center at 200 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA.
- ◆ Successful three-year national re-accreditation for all Vanguard Programs.
- ◆ CEO was honored by the Arlington Kiwanis with their Community Service Award
- ◆ Celebrated Vanguard's 45th anniversary with a week of events in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, culminating with banquet at Washington Golf and Country Club, with events raising over \$65,000
- ◆ Vanguard Institute for Training and Addiction Education (VITAE) held first collaborative training with OPEN MINDS on management supervision
- ◆ Entered into agreement with another regional non-profit, Community Residences, to enhance facility upkeep and protect physical assets
- ◆ Awarded \$10,000 grant from Washington Forrest Foundation and \$5,000 grant from Maximus Charitable Foundation
- ◆ Board of Directors and management completed year long comprehensive review of current business model and revision of Strategic Plan to realize long term financial sustainability made possible through a grant from Arlington County.

Again, thank you for your support and interest. We look forward to an even more productive Fiscal Year 2009!

Deborah Simpson Taylor, President/Chief Executive Officer