

## NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TO CONGRATULATE STUDENTS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

*Dr. Algeania Freeman to deliver the Keynote Address to Lutherwood Education Academy Students*

(Indianapolis, Indiana - Tuesday, May 27, 2008) The students of Lutherwood Education Academy will hear the applause and feel the pride of family members, government officials, school administrators and others in attendance on Wednesday May 28, 2008 for the Second Annual Awards Day Celebration to be held on the campus of Lutheran Child & Family Services. Dr. Algeania Freeman, President of Martin University will deliver the keynote address to the students, Dr. Mary Busch, President of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis will present the Teacher of the Year Award and Indiana State Representative Lawrence Buell will make remarks.

Lutherwood Education Academy is an Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) Satellite Program that offers students grades K through 12 an opportunity to continue their education in an atmosphere of therapeutic care and small classes. Lutherwood Academy's enrollment is comprised of current Lutherwood Residential Treatment Center residents and day students who are transported from Marion and surrounding counties to the campus. Lutherwood is a residential treatment center licensed to care for youth age 6-21 who exhibit chronic behavior and/or emotional problems due to abuse and/or neglect, internal neurological, biological or psychiatric disorders.

Eight of the 20 high school students receiving recognition during the ceremony maintained a 3.0 or higher grade point average. Sixty-four K-8 grade students will be honored on the same day. Lutherwood students improved their reading skills by 90% through the Read 180 program and 85% raised their Read 180 scores by two levels. "This is a day to celebrate the successes of our children. These children have worked hard to overcome the challenges in their lives with the goal of transitioning back to their community," said Dr. Alton Strange, Education Director for Lutherwood Education Academy. "We have a wonderful opportunity to recognize the academic achievement of our students on the last day of the school year. To say that we are proud of the academic accomplishments of our students is an understatement," said Michael Johnson, Executive Director for Lutheran Child and Family Services.

**When:** Wednesday, May 28, 2008  
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Where:** Lutherwood Education Academy Gymnasium  
1525 North Ritter Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

**About LCFS:** Lutheran Child & Family Services (LCFS) is a multi-service, nonprofit 501(c)(3) member agency of United Way of Central Indiana and provides services that strengthen vulnerable youth and families. LCFS's services include: Lutherwood Residential Treatment Center (providing specialized treatment for youth in crisis); Lutherwood Education Academy (a satellite partnership with IPS); Trinity Group Home (where young men transition to independent living); Mentoring, Parenting Education, Family Preservation Initiatives; Adoption & Foster Care Services; and the Sharing Place Food and Clothing Pantry. LCFS serves approximately 30,000 people annually.



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