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### **The Solutions Foundation Hosts Its Second Annual Awareness Event**

**LAS VEGAS** – Nov. 17, 2008, The Solutions Foundation will hold an Opiate Awareness Reception at the home of Dr. Tony and Renee Marlon from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 3, 2008.

The Foundation has launched an opiate campaign aimed to combat the use of opiates by introducing an informational booklet, and creating a parent tool kit which will provide educational material on the opiates, suggestions for discussing drugs with children, and a drug testing kit.

“There has been a marked increase the number of people addicted to prescription pain pills and more and more Nevada youth are experimenting with black tar heroin,” said Mike Adams, a board member for The Foundation as well as a licensed social worker in Nevada. “We want to offer a proactive response to the problem.”

The Opiate Awareness Campaign will be introduced to Clark County School District students via handbooks, which will be distributed to 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The handbooks describe the psychological, cognitive and physical effects of opiates. Additionally, over 800 individuals will receive training in order to educate other adults and children on opiates and its consequences.

The guests attending so far will include Governor Jim Gibbons and First Lady Dawn Gibbons and former Oakland Raiders running back Napoleon McCollum along with many healthcare professionals.

The Solutions Foundation will hold this reception in order to raise funds for the printing and distribution of the Opiate booklet, continued growth and community involvement for the purposes of preventing substance abuse in Nevada and further development of the Substance Abuse Awareness Program (SAAP). SAAP is a first time student drug offender program where the student offenders participate with their parents in a four hour education course on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

For more information on The Solutions Foundation Opiate Awareness Reception or the organization itself, contact Tracy Adams or visit [www.solutions-foundation.org](http://www.solutions-foundation.org).

#### **About The Solutions Foundation:**

Incorporated in 2006, The Solutions Foundation is a Nevada 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that serves as a community advocate to combat the prevalence of substance abuse within the state of Nevada. The main functions of The Foundation are to provide education, prevention, training and treatment regarding chemical dependency. The Solutions Foundation is incorporated by the Nevada Secretary of State, and is certified by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA). In addition, The Foundation is member of the GOSHEN Coalition, a community partnership to help eliminate substance abuse in Southern Nevada.

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