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INDIANAPOLIS, June 12, 2010 – Outreach, Inc. will be honoring 29 homeless and at-risk teenagers at an annual celebration picnic June 12th. These youth have graduated from local high schools or obtained their GED's during the last school year while facing great adversity. The youth being honored have been served through Outreach, Inc's G.O.A.L. program or the satellite GED program. We are excited to announce that Daniel Muir, starting defensive tackle for the Indianapolis Colts, will be the featured speaker at this year's event, along with other local celebrities and government officials, and business leaders. Daniel commented, "It is an honor to address these young people and to encourage them to hope for, and work toward a brighter future!"

Outreach, Inc. is a faith-based organization serving homeless youth in the Indianapolis metropolitan area with services and programs supporting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. It is their mission to equip and empower them to get on their feet as positive and productive members of our community. The agency helps youth to exit street life by providing street outreach, counseling, mentors, a youth drop-in center, social services, and crisis intervention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"We are serving in 23 local high schools now, and we have requests to help even more. These students have endured much, and overcome daunting obstacles. We are so proud of their personal achievements and this opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments," said Kim Luppino, Director of Stewardship. She continued, "an overwhelming number of people are lending support through sponsorship, donation of gift cards, prayers, letters and notes for the 2010 Graduation Picnic. We are so grateful for this outpouring of love and encouragement for these incredible students!"

The picnic sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc. and St. Luke's United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, June 12th at the Garfield Park, Pagoda shelter from 11:00 am through 2:00pm. If interested in attending or supporting the event please contact info@outreachindiana.org.

As mentioned above, the G.O.A.L. education program (which stands for Graduation, Occupation, Address, Lifestyle) is partially funded through a federal grant to ensure that all youth can receive an education regardless of their living situation. Outreach, Inc. also continued a GED program to assist youth wishing to obtain their General Equivalency Diploma eliminating one of the barriers towards continuing their education. Over 50% of youth participants go on to a post-secondary education programs including college, technical or vocational training, or military opportunities.

Outreach, Inc. is privately funded through individuals, foundation, corporate and church donations. For more information about Outreach, Inc. call (317) 951-8886, e-mail info@outreachindiana.org or visit www.outreachindiana.org.