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THE JASON FOUNDATION AND SPRINGSTONE ANNOUNCE NEW EDUCATION AND AWARENESS COLLABORATION TO HELP PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE

Nashville, Tenn., December 4, 2014 – The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI), a youth suicide prevention and awareness organization, and Springstone, Inc., a provider of mental health and addiction treatment, announce that Springstone has become a JFI National Community Affiliate and will be establishing Community Resource Centers (CRC) in its behavioral hospitals within the next four months. The first two facilities hosting the CRCs are Mesa Springs in Fort Worth, Texas and Rock Springs in Georgetown, Texas.

The Community Resource Centers will serve as hubs where parents, teachers, guidance counselors, students, churches and other community organizations can get educational materials and learn about training programs available through JFI.

Springstone develops and operates behavioral hospitals specializing in the treatment of mental illness and substance abuse. The company's newly constructed, contemporary facilities bring holistic, evidenced-based care to underserved communities throughout the United States.

"We are excited about Springstone affiliating with The Jason Foundation as one of our National Community Affiliates," said Clark Flatt, President of JFI. "We have worked with several of the Springstone executive team members in past years and know their passion and dedication. In addition to this past experience, we have gotten to know the entire Springstone management team and have witnessed their enthusiasm for saving lives."

"Springstone is proud to announce this affiliation with The Jason Foundation" said W. Earl Reed, III, CEO of Springstone. "We are committed to collaborating with Clark Flatt and the team at JFI to help create solutions to the suicide epidemic. Through this affiliation, Springstone and JFI will offer education and resources to the communities we serve."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24, resulting in approximately 5,200 lives lost each year. It is also one of the leading causes of PREVENTABLE death in our nation.

About the Companies:

The Jason Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting “The Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide through educational programs for young people, educators, parents, and other community groups. JFI, headquartered in Hendersonville, Tenn., was founded in 1997 after the tragic death of Jason Flatt, the 16-year-old son of Clark Flatt.

For more information, or for our locations, please visit JFI’s website, <http://www.jasonfoundation.com>

Springstone, Inc. is a developer and operator of behavioral health hospitals. The company, based in Louisville, Kentucky, provides mental health and substance abuse treatment to adults and adolescents through eight hospitals located in Texas, Ohio and Indiana. The company has three additional hospitals under construction in Arizona, Kansas and Ohio.

For more information, please see <http://www.springstone.com/>

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