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**THE JASON FOUNDATION AND NEWPORT ACADEMY ANNOUNCE NEW
EDUCATION AND AWARENESS COLLABORATION TO HELP PREVENT
YOUTH SUICIDE**

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn., June 5, 2018 – The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI), a youth suicide prevention and awareness organization, and Newport Academy announced today that they have entered into an affiliation to help fight the “silent epidemic” of youth suicide. Newport Academy has become a Jason Foundation Pillar Affiliate and will establish Pillar Affiliate Offices in two centers located in Connecticut. The Pillar Affiliate Offices will serve as hubs where parents, teachers, guidance counselors, students, churches and other community organizations can obtain educational materials and learn about training programs available through JFI. All programs and materials are offered to the public at no cost.

“The Jason Foundation is elated to begin working with Newport Academy,” said Clark Flatt, President of JFI. “As a Pillar Affiliate, Newport Academy will help supply young people and families across Connecticut with the tools and resources to potentially save a life. Suicide is preventable.”

“We are proud to announce our partnership with The Jason Foundation,” said Joe Procopio, President and COO of Newport Academy. “Together, we are addressing the current adolescent mental health crisis through education and awareness initiatives that support young people in getting the help they need. The Foundation’s invaluable work in preventing youth suicide is in direct alignment with Newport Academy’s mission to empower teens and restore families.”

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 6,000 lives lost each year. Four out of five young people who attempt suicide exhibit clear warning signs prior to the attempt. Knowing the warning signs associated with suicide, and how to help, can save young lives.

About the Organizations:

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 locations, please visit JFI's website, <http://www.jasonfoundation.com>.

Newport Academy is a series of evidence-based healing centers for adolescents and families struggling with mental health issues, eating disorders, and substance abuse. With locations across the United States, Newport Academy offers a family-systems approach, providing gender-specific, individualized, and comprehensive holistic programs that encompass clinical therapy, academic support, and experiential modalities. Offerings include residential treatment, intensive outpatient programming, recovery-based therapeutic day schools, and day treatment. Newport Academy nurtures the physical, psychological, social, educational, and spiritual needs of adolescents and their families, from a foundation of compassionate care, clinical expertise, and unconditional love. Our primary mission is to empower teens and restore families.

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