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## **GRANT HALLIBURTON FOUNDATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TEEN CONFERENCE**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teen CONTACT Conference to Address Critical Issues Teens Face*

**Dallas, October 20, 2008** – Grant Halliburton Foundation is pleased to be a sponsor of the Teen CONTACT Conference, *Let's Talk About It—Again!* on Saturday, November 8, at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas. The conference is presented by CONTACT Crisis Line, a 24-hour telephone crisis intervention service for teens and adults in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, in partnership with the Dallas Public Library and Parkland Hospital.

The conference is designed to bring together educators, counselors, youth community leaders, clinicians, and parents to discuss current teen issues such as anger in adolescence, the teenage brain, bullying, truancy, teen parenting, drug paraphernalia, suicide prevention, and health issues. Speakers include industry professionals and community educators from Parkland, UT Southwestern, UTD Brain Center, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and Planned Parenthood of North Texas, among others.

The conference will also present Teen CONTACT's Gatekeeper Training Program, which teaches people how to identify teens in crisis and how to lead them to seek help. Gatekeeper training has been identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an important initiative in preventing suicide, which is the third leading cause of death for teens.

For non-English-speaking attendees, the conference is being presented in Spanish through audio headsets.

"Our Foundation is excited to be a part of this informative and relevant conference on critical issues facing today's youth," said Vanita Halliburton, president of the Grant Halliburton

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Foundation. “We hope that all who are in a position to impact the lives of teens will take advantage of this affordable one-day conference.”

The conference will take place at the Central Library from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. Keynote speakers include Cindy Oliver, Director of the Dallas Police Department’s First Offender Program, and Vanita Halliburton, president of the Grant Halliburton Foundation. Oliver has more than three decades of experience in working with teens and their families. Halliburton has been instrumental in promoting awareness of adolescent mental health issues and will address the opportunities we have to strengthen mental health resources for today’s teens.

Conference participation is \$55 per person before October 31 and \$65 after that. Group discounts and scholarships are available. For more information, call 972-233-0866 or go to [www.ContactCrisisLine.org](http://www.ContactCrisisLine.org).

CONTACT Crisis Line provides free and confidential telephone crisis intervention services to teens and adults in the Dallas/Fort Worth community 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including emergency assistance and a connection to resources.

Grant Halliburton Foundation exists to promote understanding and awareness of adolescent mental health issues. For more information about the Foundation and the Teen CONTACT Conference, visit [www.GrantHalliburton.org](http://www.GrantHalliburton.org).

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