

Open Sky Selected as a Colorado Company to Watch for 2009

Durango, CO – June, 2009 – Open Sky Wilderness Therapy, a wilderness-based therapeutic program for adolescents and young adults has been selected as one of Colorado's Companies to Watch (CCW).

This annual award will be given when CCW hosts its Gala Celebration at Denver's Warwick Hotel June 25th, 2009.

Presented by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, this awards program is designed to select businesses from a wide range of industries throughout the state that make a substantial impact on Colorado's economy.

Among the 250-plus companies that were nominated this fall, Open Sky, located in Durango, Colorado has been recognized as one of 50 companies for its outstanding performance in the marketplace and its contribution to the state's economy.

Founded in 2006, Open Sky is privately owned and operated by members of the Open Sky leadership team. Open Sky is entering its third year and provides employment to more than 60 people. To date, Open Sky has successfully served more than 250 adolescents and young adults and their families from around the country.

Redefining industry standards, Open Sky provides innovative, holistic healing practices to its students. Integrating evidence-based clinical modalities with mindfulness and naturopathic medicine, Open Sky students participate daily in yoga, meditation and eat an organic/whole foods diet throughout the duration of their stay.

Demonstrating exceptional entrepreneurial leadership, Aaron Fernandes, founder and co-owner of Open Sky, leads the way with extraordinary passion and commitment to the company's mission of providing a holistic, comprehensive treatment program for adolescents and young adults and their families. After three consecutive years of profitable operations, Open Sky has a bright future as it establishes a reputation in Colorado as one of the state's companies to watch.

For more information regarding Open Sky Wilderness, you can call 970-382-8181, or visit the website, www.openskywilderness.com <<http://www.openskywilderness.com>> .

Or, for more information regarding the Colorado Companies to Watch, please visit, www.coloradocompaniestowatch.org <<http://www.coloradocompaniestowatch.org>> .

Open Sky's holistic wilderness treatment program integrates the best of traditional clinical modalities, naturopathic medicine, and wilderness therapy. Open Sky works with teenagers 13 – 17 and young adults ages 18 – 28 on a wide variety of issues, including drug and alcohol abuse, depression, ADD and ADHD, anxiety, grief and loss, oppositional defiance, traumatic histories, family problems, school problems, and low self esteem. The Open Sky treatment approach is client-centered and evidence-based.

With over 100 years of collective experience in the fields of wilderness therapy and holistic medicine, the Open Sky leadership team presents students and families with a comprehensive treatment program that engages the transformational power of nature to strengthen relationships, foster growth, and develop overall health and wellness.

Open Sky is licensed to provide treatment in the states of Colorado and Utah.

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