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***Robertson Named to National Youth Board  
Advisory Board Serves Runaway, Homeless Youth***

February 4, 2008 – Bob Robertson of Valley Youth House has been named to the prestigious Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Centers Advisory Board at the National Child Resource for Youth Development, Tulsa, OK.

The NCRYD, is a cooperative venture of the Department of Health and Human Services and the University of Oklahoma that provides support and programs designed to enhance services offered to runaway and homeless youth throughout the nation. In this capacity Robertson will join twenty-four other experts in the field from throughout the nation. He was tapped for the position because of his recognized leadership in working with homeless adolescents.

In more than thirty years at Valley Youth House, most recently as Executive Vice President, Robertson has developed considerable experience and expertise in programming for runaway and homeless youth. He has guided the development of Valley Youth House Independent Living programs that are now recognized as a state model.

Robertson, a resident of Schnecksville, serves on the Advisory Board of Health and Human Services for region III and on the National Advisory Board of the Child Welfare League of America. He has taught at DeSales University and the Marywood College Graduate School of Social Work, and has published dozens of articles, including *Transitional Living Programs for Homeless Adolescents* and *Magic and Independent Living: Thinking, Practice and Programming*.

Valley Youth House is a Lehigh Valley-based social agency devoted to assuring that every child in our society will have a chance to develop into a healthy, productive, and responsible adult. The agency offers a range of residential, counseling, mental health, and life-skills education services in Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties.

Valley Youth House has offices in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Warminster, Norristown, and Philadelphia, and a full and part-time staff of 300. The agency serves 9,000 youth and their families each year, 95% of whom are from the Lehigh Valley.

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