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PathPoint Celebrates 45th Anniversary

Santa Maria, CA ---To celebrate its 45th Anniversary and its adoption of a new organization name, PathPoint (*formerly Work Training Programs, Inc.*) is hosting an Open House on May 28, 2009 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at its North Santa Barbara County branch located at 2450 Professional Parkway in Santa Maria. Founded in 1964, PathPoint is a local nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive training and support services that empower people with disabilities to live and work as valued members of our communities.

According to Mary Hernandez, North Santa Barbara County Vice-President/Director, many of PathPoint's program participants, family members, employer partners, supporters, and funders will be on hand to celebrate the notable occasion. "We look forward to coming together to celebrate our new agency name, and the many successes we have achieved over the past 45 years."

Barbara Steveson, a Certified Financial Planner at Blakeslee & Blakeslee in Santa Maria and PathPoint Board Member will speak at the event. Steveson strongly believes in PathPoint's mission to give adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to work and give back to their community. She sees the positive results in the Santa Maria area. Steveson notes: "It is so satisfying to be a part of making these opportunities available to so many determined and dedicated individuals."

Program participants appreciate that PathPoint helps to create a community where people with disabilities and disadvantages have opportunities to lead full and productive lives. "I am proud of the accomplishments I have made and the things I have done," noted Cassandra Burns whose success story, along with Jessica Concha, will be featured at the Open House.

Helping PathPoint celebrate its 45th Anniversary with certificates of recognition will be Mike Cordero, Santa Maria City Council member and a Field Representative for Assembly member San Blakeslee.

To participate in the Open House, please RSVP by Friday, May 22, 2009 at (805) 934-3537, ext. 101 or email betty.butler@pathpoint.org. PathPoint is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, federal tax ID # 95-2371668. To support the festivities, any "celebratory" tax-deductable donations are welcomed. If you would like to make a contribution, please visit www.pathpoint.org or send your donation to 2450 Professional Parkway, Santa Maria, CA, 93455.

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Connecting people, purpose and communities since 1964, PathPoint (formerly known as Work Training Programs) is a non profit organization providing comprehensive training and support services that empower people with disabilities or disadvantages to live and work as valued community members. PathPoint serves 2,300 people in the communities of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern and Los Angeles.