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Spread the Word to End the Word™

Crystal Run Village, Inc. invites the public to *take the pledge* on September 15th at exhibit booth # 62 during the Orange County Chamber of Commerce 2010 Expo, against a word that has gained popularity in our culture, but is offensive to many. The “R-word” or “retard(ed)” has found a place in common language and seems to be accepted by most, despite the fact that its use, casual or otherwise, is hurtful to millions of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those that love them.

The Crystal Run Village, Inc. exhibit is a call to action that promotes positive attitude change and a commitment to make the world a more accepting place for all people. Visitors to the booth will have the opportunity to make the online pledge to remove the R-word from their vocabulary. Participants will receive a pledge button to wear so that they may further share the vision of a world where everyone matters, where everyone is respected and valued.

Make your pledge to end the use of the R-word on September 15th during the 2010 Expo at Anthony’s Pier 9, New Windsor, between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., exhibit booth # 62 and learn more about the services and supports available from Crystal Run Village, Inc. for adults and children with intellectual disabilities.

Crystal Run Village, Inc. has been providing services for the inclusion, productivity and enrichment of the lives of people with disabilities for over 51 years. The human services agency supports adults and children with intellectual disabilities, autism, spectrum disorders, mental illness, and individuals dually diagnosed and their families living in Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties. With an operating budget of approximately \$38-million and over 850 staff people, the agency provides housing, programs for learning and self expression, opportunities for employment, community inclusion and recreation. The Spread the Word to End the Word™ ongoing campaign was founded in 2009 by Special Olympics, Best Buddies International and supporters of people with disabilities to raise the consciousness of society about the hurtful effects of the word “retard(ed)”. Visit www.r-word.org for more information.

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