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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINS LOCAL NON-PROFIT AS IT EXPANDS TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 19, 2008 — Toward Maximum Independence, Inc. (TMI), a well-respected San Diego non-profit, has appointed a new Executive Director to oversee its expansion into Riverside and Lake Counties. TMI provides personalized assistance and support to children and adults with disabilities. It has a longstanding reputation for implementing “Best Practices” that help people with disabilities to live, work and fully participate in their communities. Started in San Diego some 27 years ago, TMI is dedicated to providing (their motto) “Real choices, Real possibilities” to the people it serves. The new Executive Director, Kirby Wohlander, was selected by TMI’s Board of Directors in February and began on March 3.

Kirby Wohlander comes to TMI with more than thirty years of mental health and human service experience. Highlights of his career include working as a senior manager of family service programs for the U.S. Navy for about six years, overseeing the psychiatric inpatient service at a general hospital, and several years working with people who are physically and/or developmentally disabled. Wohlander most recently served for more than seven years as Associate Director at North County Lifeline, a counseling and social service agency with offices in Vista and Oceanside. With masters’ degrees in both social work and business from San Diego State University, he is also licensed as a psychotherapist (LCSW).

“With Kirby at the helm of our organization TMI promises to be the best of the 49 agencies throughout San Diego,” said TMI Board of Director’s President Jim Timlin. “Kirby’s motto is that excellence isn’t an accident and he has already demonstrated how true that is given the speed with which he has familiarized himself with TMI programs and services while also heading up the expansion.”

TMI is working with the Inland Regional Center on its expansion into Riverside County and will begin launching its services there in June. TMI’s new office in Temecula is located at 27349 Jefferson Ave. #102, Temecula, CA 92590. TMI is also currently doing advance work to open an office in the Clear Lake, California area, a section of Northern California approximately two hours north of San Francisco. The Redwood Coast Regional Center is supporting TMI’s expansion of services to residents of Lakeport, Clearlake, Kelseyville, and other nearby communities. TMI expects to open an office in Lakeport, California this summer.

“I am excited about my new position at TMI and will dedicate myself to continuing the agency’s tradition of providing innovative, high quality services to people with disabilities in a variety of locations around San Diego and throughout California,” said Wohlander.

Established in 1981, TMI is an award-winning, non-profit agency providing personalized support to children and adults with developmental disabilities. It is the mission of TMI to support the value, right and responsibilities of all people with the support of their advocates to make informed choices regarding how they live, work and express their membership in the community. We accomplish this by providing personalized supports to people in their own homes, workplaces, schools, families and neighborhoods. TMI is a non-profit (501-C-3).

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