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Alternatives for Youth Announces New Board of Directors Officers

LONGMONT, Colorado – February 4, 2008 – Alternatives for Youth is pleased to announce the election of new officers to our Board of Directors. Greg Wagner, Chief Probation Officer for the City of Longmont, was elected as Board President. Mr. Wagner joined Alternatives for Youth's Board in 1999 and has served as the Vice President for the last three years. Mr. Wagner has worked with Longmont youth for over 23 years as a probation officer, and his extreme care and concern for them is the main reason for his support of Alternatives for Youth. "The work that AFY does is why I'm proud to be a Longmont resident," Mr. Wagner said.

Mr. Wagner succeeded E.C. Bell, pastor of St. Vrain Presbyterian Church, as president. Mr. Bell retired from his four years of service on the Board to concentrate on leading his church. The Board and staff greatly appreciate Mr. Bell's leadership and dedication to Alternatives for Youth.

Mr. Art Quintana, a Board member since 2003 and retired St. Vrain Valley School District vice-principal, accepted his nomination as Vice President. Dr. Jack Hay, Board member since 1986 and retired St. Vrain Valley School District assistant superintendent, will continue as Treasurer and Mr. Rick Beisel, an attorney and Board member since 2003, will continue as Secretary.

In 2008, Alternatives for Youth's Board of Directors will be seeking new board members to join members Bob Arnold, owner of Aspen Laser and Technologies, Tom Ericson, Commander with Longmont Police Department and Connie Syferd, Executive Director of St. Vrain Valley School District's Learning Services Center.

Alternatives for Youth's Executive Director, Deb Roberts, commented, "I am so proud of our Board's leadership and support of our staff's work in helping youth succeed."

Alternatives for Youth, Inc.'s mission is to promote academic persistence and success of youth by instilling values that lead to positive choices and positive community impact and by encouraging social, cultural, and self development. Since 1978, Alternatives for Youth has been providing services to youth and their families. Last year, over 800 youth and their families received services through Alternatives for Youth, including after-school homework clubs, parenting education, an alternative school for expelled youth, positive recreational activities, youth leadership opportunities, academic enrichment activities, and service learning activities.

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