

News Release

Contacts:

Marguerite Mumford

904.739.6047

marguerite@pdrjax.com

**Miracle in Rwanda production to raise funds for St. Gerard Campus on March 11
- Sponsorship opportunities available -**

Jacksonville, FL – November 16, 2010 - A fundraiser to help the St. Gerard Campus in St. Augustine, FL and unwed mothers in northeast Florida will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 7:30 pm with a theater production of “Miracle in Rwanda – A Story of Courage, Faith and Forgiveness”. The event will be held at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, Terry Theater, 300 West Water Street in downtown Jacksonville, FL. Ticket prices are \$75 per person; \$35 for students. For ticket information, contact Terry Theater box office at 904.633.6110 or purchase online at Ticketmaster. For more information, contact Judy Klein at 904.219.2484.

The theater production is based on the *The New York Times* Best Seller, “Left to Tell” by Immaculée Ilibagiza. For more information, visit the website at www.miracleinrwanda.com.

According to Marguerite Mumford, owner of Paul Davis Restoration and production sponsor, a variety of sponsorships are available including a Title Sponsorship for \$20,000 which includes 20 seats at the one-woman show and pre-event cocktail party admission along with a full-page advertisement in the program. Rwandan genocide survivor and author Immaculée Ilibagiza and Leslie Lewis Sword, the actress who created the show and who performs in the production, are scheduled to be at the cocktail party.

Limited sponsorship opportunities all include admission to the Friday evening sponsor’s cocktail party and advertising opportunities in the event program along with signage and media recognition. Specifically, the Gold Sponsorship is \$10,000 and includes 10 seats at the event. A Silver Sponsorship includes a \$5,000 donation for six seats. The Bronze Sponsorship is \$2,500 for four seats, and the Patron Sponsorship is \$1,000 for two seats at the event. Current sponsors include the Cascone Foundation and Mr. Chuck Moorer. The Paul Davis office in Jacksonville will donate \$5,000 to underwrite the show production and to support St. Gerard Campus.

“We hope to raise enough proceeds to provide one year scholarships for ten, St. Gerard students and raise overall awareness of the non-profit organization and its amazing mission,” said Mumford.

“Miracle in Rwanda” is a one woman show and features Leslie Lewis Sword who brilliantly transforms herself into a host of characters to tell the powerful story of Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculée Ilibagiza, a real life messenger of hope. Sword is a performer and writer who traveled to Rwanda with Immaculée to develop the unique piece of theater. The return of Immaculée to Rwanda was the subject of a 60 Minutes television feature, bringing international attention to the story.

According to Sword, Immaculée's family was brutally murdered during the three-month slaughter that began in April 1994. However, Immaculée managed to survive. For 91 days, she and seven other women huddled silently and cramped together in an undiscovered extra bathroom in a local pastor's home. Immaculée's terror escalated as hundreds of machete-wielding killers searched the house repeatedly for her without success, determined to find and butcher her. Ultimately, Immaculée moves beyond intense fear and rage, to find a deeper connection to God than she ever thought possible.

The story is crafted by Sword and the play's co-creator Edward Vilga. The show features an uplifting message of forgiveness and compassion and chronicles the dramatic events through the interior life of Immaculée. The message is one of personal empowerment, of overcoming all obstacles through the power of faith, and ultimately finding peace of mind amidst unbelievable hardship and her ability to forgive.

The production premiered at TheatreZone in Naples, Florida along with a triumphant New York City run which inspired a world tour on five continents.

St. Gerard Campus, founded in 1981, is located at 1405 U.S. 1 South in St. Augustine, Fl. and provides an on-location high school, on-site day care, and a dormitory program for young, unwed pregnant women and mothers. The non-profit focuses on a three-step process of individualized, professional services for clients who qualify for the program. St. Gerard also provides free pregnancy testing, along with food and clothing for those in need. A 24-hour hot line, plus professional counseling is available for those who need spiritual, medical, or emotional advice. For more information, visit the website at www.stgerardcampus.org or call toll free 800.833.6073.

"We applaud those who support St. Gerard Campus and will continue to raise much needed funds for the teen moms have put forth the effort while they strive to turn their lives around. Upon graduation from the accredited on-campus high school, many of these young women will continue their education at local academic institutions," said Mumford.

###

About Edward Vilga, Director & Co-Creator:

Edward Vilga directs and co-created MIRACLE IN RWANDA with Leslie Lewis Sword. Recent credits include writing and directing the feature film DEAD BROKE (released by Warner Brothers DVD, starring Paul Sorvino, Jill Hennessy, John Glover, Tony Roberts, and Justin Theroux). Vilga has had five books published, including a best-selling line of books and DVDs about accessible yoga that have been translated into seven languages. Mr. Vilga's history with the Ohio Theater is highlighted by producing the Obie-Winning NYC premiere of Susan Miller's MY LEFT BREAST, along with a dozen other plays. He is a Yale graduate.

About Paul Davis Restoration:

Marguerite and Mike Mumford purchased the Paul Davis office in 1999 at 5795 Mining Terrace in Jacksonville and opened a new Paul Davis office this year at 3499 NW 97th Blvd. in Gainesville. For more information, visit the website at www.pdrnorthflorida.com.

Paul Davis Restoration, Inc. is a leading provider of [fire, water and mold damage restoration](#) and reconstruction services for residential and commercial properties. They also provide remodeling services for kitchen and bath remodeling and room additions. Paul Davis Restoration office owners nationwide are properly licensed individuals with certifications from leading industry organizations like The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC). Founded in 1966, Paul Davis Restoration has franchise office locations throughout North America. Visit the website at www.pdrestitution.com.