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International Foundation Launches to Transform Healthcare

‘One Nurse / One Educator / One System At A Time’

BOULDER, CO. (February 14, 2008) --- The *Watson Caring Science Institute*, an international non-profit foundation created to advance the philosophies, theories, and practices of *The Theory and Science of Human Caring*, will officially launch April 10, 2008 at a reception held at the Valley Ho Hotel and Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. The WCSI launch intentionally coincides with the International Caritas Consortium invite only gathering April 10-12, 2008, hosted by Scottsdale Healthcare.

WCSI’s mission is to restore the profound nature of caring-healing and bring the ethic and ethos of love back into healthcare. WCSI is dedicated to help the current healthcare system retain and nurture its most precious resource, caring professional nurses, while preparing a new generation of health practitioners.

The practical outcome: optimum caring-healing for the public, reduction of high nurse turnover, and decrease of costs to the system

“We are the light in institutional darkness, and in this caritas model we get to return to the light of our humanity”, shares Dr. Watson about birthing WCSI.

Founded by *Distinguished Professor Dr. Jean Watson*, who holds the Murchinson-Scoville Endowed Chair in Caring Science at the University of Colorado Denver, WCSI translates Watson’s renown 30 year Caritas Model of Caring-Healing into programs and services to transform healthcare one nurse / one educator / one system at a time.

Author of over 100 publications and more than 12 books on the Science of Human Caring, Dr. Watson’s newly revised edition of the 1979 classic:

Nursing. The Philosophy and Science of Caring will be released May, 2008 by University Press of Colorado. Her long awaited meditation CD will accompany the book for an academically groundbreaking legacy.

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Founder of the original *Center for Human Caring* in Colorado and a *Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing*, Dr. Watson is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the *National Fetzer Institute Norman Cousins Award*, an *International Kellogg Fellowship in Australia*, a *Fullbright Research and Lecture Award in Sweden*, and *six Inter/national Honorary Doctorate Degrees*.

As Dr. Watson travels throughout the world as a keynote speaker, WCSI builds upon her lifetime background, global academic and clinical experiences, and professional network to announce the *WCSI Speakers Bureau Program*. Soon to follow is the integration and implementation of *WCSI and ICC* working and serving networks of hospitals and academic programs using the *Caring Science* model, the *Caring Science/Caritas Coach Program*, *Teleseminar* (August 20, 2008 with *Shift in Action*), *Advanced Academic Certification*, *Healthcare System Consults*, *Corporate Partners Program*, *Compassion & Caring Cruise* (Omicron Delta: Hawaiian Islands, July 26-August 2, 2008), *Workshops, Retreats*, the *Caritas Affirmation* product line to *support and nurture each nurse / each educator / each system one day at a time*, and the www.watsoncaringscience.org website, live by March , 2008.

“We are the light in institutional darkness.....Join us today!” invites Dr. Watson.



To schedule interviews, receive photos, or support WCSI, please contact Barbara Hope, WCSI Board Director, barbara@barbarahope1.com, 303-604-1662. For information on the International Caritas Consortium gathering/activities at Scottsdale Healthcare’s Shea Conference Center, please contact Jim D’Alfonso, Associate Vice President, JD'alfonso@SHC.org , 480-323-3951. www.caritasconsortium.org

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