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SAGE Dining Services® Launches Employee Training Program to Address Eating Disorder Crisis

Baltimore, Maryland – February 2012 – In response to the rise of eating disorders among school-age children, SAGE Dining Services® launches a new program to help employees recognize early warning signs in student populations.

SAGE, the nation's leading provider of dining services to independent schools, is the first major food service contractor to address the growing problem of eating disorders. "Eating disorders are a serious concern for our young people," says Paco Rodriguez, SAGE's president, "and as food service providers, we are on the front lines of addressing this issue." SAGE believes that by increasing awareness among its employees, they will help identify students who may be at risk.

SAGE developed its employee training program in partnership with The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt, a national leader in evidence-based treatment. According to Center Director, Dr. Harry Brandt, "Eating disorders are very serious illnesses with dangerous consequences...we applaud SAGE's efforts to raise awareness and provide education to their staff with regards to this issue." Through on-going employee training programs, SAGE strives to minimize the occurrence of eating disorders and promote a positive and healthful dining environment.

About SAGE Dining Services®

SAGE Dining Services® is the nation's leading provider of campus dining and upscale catering services for discerning independent schools and private colleges. Since its creation in 1990, SAGE has grown by providing its clients with personal attention, superior service and unbelievable food. Learn more at www.sagedining.com.

About the Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt

The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt, located in Towson, Md., offers a comprehensive continuum of treatment services for the patient with complex eating disorders. The continuum includes inpatient, day hospital and intensive outpatient services, as well as ongoing outpatient treatment provided by the Center for Eating Disorders. The program is designed to respond to both the psychiatric and medical aspects of eating disorders, with a comprehensive array of mental health and consultative medical resources. For more information, visit: www.eatingdisorder.org

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