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Centre for Neuro Skills Celebrates New Clinic Facility with Grand Opening Gala on March 20, 2013

Bakersfield, CA (Monday, February 25, 2013) Centre for Neuro Skills (CNS), a world leader in providing postacute rehabilitation services for people with traumatic brain injury and stroke, will celebrate the grand opening of its new Bakersfield, California, flagship clinic facility on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The gala will include presentations by city and state dignitaries, tours, and a ribbon cutting dedication.

The 25,000 square foot building was designed specifically for patients that CNS serves. It is twice the size of the former facility, which has been a Bakersfield institution for over 30 years, and features advanced technology and therapeutic equipment tailored to people with neurologic injuries.

"Patient well-being and comfort was foremost in our minds when we designed the space," said CNS founder and CEO Dr. Mark J. Ashley, Sc.D., CCC-SLP, CCM, CBIST. "A supportive environment is essential to recovery, so we sought that feeling in every phase of development."

Architectural features include a curved waterfall at the entrance, abundant parking with carports, easy handicapped access, and new landscaping.

Inside, the space for each therapy discipline was increased to better serve patients. Modern décor and neutral colors accent the occupational, physical, cognitive, education, and counseling areas. The expanded counseling suites include a new relaxation room with soft lighting, peaceful music, video, and massage chairs.

CNS' brand promise, "*The Bridge to a Meaningful Recovery*," is reflected in the design motif. Curved hallways lead to a new patient gym, therapeutic pool, conference rooms, and executive offices. Words of encouragement are etched into the glass wall surrounding the pool and gym so that patients are inspired daily.

"This sense of assurance as you walk in the door is just as important for families of patients," said Steve Katomski, CNS director of construction management. To make families feel welcome and at home, the lobby has a floor to ceiling water veil and a lounge with private work areas and business center amenities. The new location is now just two miles from CNS' Centre Village residential apartment complex, making it easy for families to visit patients.

The year-long building project utilized many Bakersfield contractors, sub-contractors, and workers. Local talent included the architectural firm Skarphol Associates, general contractor Castillo Construction and a host of engineering, electrical and plumbing contractors who helped CNS realize its vision

"We believe in supporting our community," Dr. Ashley said. "It has been a company philosophy since our inception."

The invitation-only grand opening will be held at the new facility, located at 5215 Ashe Rd. in Bakersfield. **However, the media are welcome to attend. Please call Kelly Lopez at (626) 720-1540 to RSVP and to arrange a tour.**

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About Centre for Neuro Skills:

Centre for Neuro Skills is recognized as an experienced and respected world leader in providing intensive rehabilitation and medical programs to individuals recovering from all types of brain injury. CNS effectively covers a full spectrum of care from inpatient and assisted living to outpatient/day treatment. For additional information about Centre for Neuro Skills, please visit www.neuroskills.com or call us at 800.922.4994.