

VINE AND BRANCHES

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Rachel's Vineyard is on the web at: www.rachelsvineyard.org
Our national toll-free hotline is (877) HOPE-4-ME.
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Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for emotional and spiritual healing after abortion are held internationally. Rachel's Vineyard welcomes women, men, couples, grandparents and abortion providers. Our retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a resource for clinical training, education, and healing models.

Rachel's Vineyard is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible. We work in partnership with Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries.

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The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.
Kenneth Blanchard
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Redeeming a Father's Heart

Redeeming a Father's Heart is now available. One reader stated: “I'd like to thank you and your co-writers on the above book. Fantastic!! I started reading it and couldn't put it down. I have already ordered several books to give to people.”

The book gives the reader an inside look at how men struggle during the aftermath of abortion. It is especially helpful to women who have never witnessed how abortion impacts a man.

Another reader stated: "I received the book and read it last weekend. I loved it because it emotionally drew me into the stories of the men as they bared their souls. This is so important for women to see and hear from men's thoughts. When men start to join women in this healing process, only then will things change and abortion will not be just a women's issue but a relationship issue. Only then can we heal our society. I will be praying that men continue to come forward for healing and that they are welcomed by women in that forum."

To place orders, contact Kevin Burke at k.burke@rachelsvineyard.org

Tune in to Catholic Radio KBVM on August 6th from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Pacific to hear Kevin talk about Redeeming a Father's Heart! You can also listen live at www.kbvm.fm. KBVM broadcasts from Portland, Oregon.

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"The soul would have no rainbow, had the eyes no tears."
John Vance Cheney
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National Fundraiser Kick Off! Save the Date on October 13, 2007!

Buy a Macy's shopping pass for \$5.00 each and the proceeds from your sale will benefit Rachel's Vineyard Ministries.

Use your Macy's shopping pass at any Macy's Nationwide for additional discounts on October 13, 2007 only. The discount entitles the bearer of the discount pass to exceptional savings on select merchandise specials.

For more information contact Joy Crimmins at crimmins@nfdc.net or Home: 717-993-5450, Cell: 717-578-2591, Work: 410-628-1330.

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The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.
Ray Kroc
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Please join us in prayer

We extend heartfelt condolences to Michelle Krystofik, whose mother recently passed away. Michelle serves as the New Site Coordinator for Rachel's Vineyard and she is also the Associate Director for the Respect Life Office in the Diocese of Newark. We pray that she feels the consolation and comfort of Christ during this difficult time of bereavement and loss.

Please join us in prayer for the **Rachel's Vineyard Conferences in Ireland** this week. Participants are registered to come from throughout Ireland, England, France, Gibraltar, Italy, Scotland, Malta, and many other places. We pray that the seeds planted during our trainings will multiply and generate a fruitful harvest of healing for many souls.

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The truest end of life, is to know the life that never ends.
William Penn
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Troubling pre-natal diagnosis?

Every year in the United States, approximately 133,000 pregnant mothers will walk into their doctors’ offices for a routine pre-natal test and walk out with a broken heart.

They receive what is called “poor pre-natal diagnosis,” or PPD. This means that their infant is afflicted with a chromosomal abnormality or a serious defect in a vital organ. More than 90 percent of those pregnancies end in abortion.

There is a place where parents can receive emotional support and encouragement when they are confronted with a devastating diagnosis. Like all human beings, these children are precious gifts, but any parent needs extra support, information, resources and encouragement in order to say “yes” to love in the face of fear and tremendous pressure to terminate. For more information visit www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org or call (763) 772 – 3868.

Another wonderful site for support is at www.livingwithtrisomy13.org This is an amazing site where families, through their own grief and pain, reach out to help others who have had children with Trisomy 13. All these families have lived and are living with a Trisomy 13 diagnosis and the reality of how it changes lives. With grace and hope they continue on and share what they have experienced.

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From happiness to suffering is a step;
From suffering to happiness is an eternity
Jewish Proverb
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Help Support Our work

Jesus instructed his disciples to share what they have with others. By sharing your gifts and talents with this ministry you help us to continue spreading the Vineyard. By giving financially, you become partners in the restoration of lives through the fruitfulness of healing.

Donations enable us to educate and equip others to engage in the work and blessing of this beautiful ministry. Tax deductible donations can be made by calling us at 610-354-0555 or donating online at <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/support/support.htm>.

You can also mail your donation to:
Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries
808 N. Henderson Road Suite 210
King of Prussia, PA. 19406

Your time, talents and gifts have helped make Rachel’s Vineyard the largest post abortion healing program in the world. This year sites will be launched in Ecuador, Mexico, Argentina, Paraguay, Peru and Puerto Rico and we continue to get requests for training from throughout the globe. Being able to grow our organization through your generosity will enable us to add much needed staff and a travel budget to meet the increasing demands and growth of Rachel’s Vineyard.

May God bless you abundantly for any assistance you can offer. We hope you enjoy the last weeks of summer and spend time with loved ones and friends during the last days of warm weather and sunshine!

In Christ,
Kevin and Theresa Burke

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The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision.
Theodore Hesburgh

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“Carry the Vision - Illuminate the World”
Report on the Rachel’s Vineyard Leadership Conference

Rachel’s Vineyard held its 8th annual Leadership Conference “Carry the Vision Illuminate the World” from June 26th – 29th, at the Malvern Retreat House in Pennsylvania. A total of 185 attendees came together for four days and three nights of fun, learning and fellowship.

“When I began Rachel’s Vineyard in Philadelphia in the early 90’s, I never dreamed that this beautiful program for healing would spread and eventually be offered thousands of times throughout our nation and in seventeen countries around the world!” exclaimed Rachel’s Vineyard founder and executive director Dr. Theresa Burke. Theresa’s husband Kevin and Father Frank Pavone kicked off the opening night of the conference with Welcoming Keynote addresses.

The word that I think best describes this year’s International Conference is Formational, said Nancy Rodrigue, from New Orleans. “At registration, each participant was given a spiral bound program with all of the usual important information, but this booklet also included the handouts for the various presentations. I really like that the presentations were provided so that even if one could not attend a workshop, at least a portion of the information is available.”

New site coordinator Michelle Krystofik stated “It was wonderful to meet so many of our sisters and brothers in the vineyard all across the US and Canada. Finally putting a face to a name was great. There was such a spirit of friendship and joy that it was infectious!”

Laborers in the vineyard started off each day by attending mass or worship services. Afterwards, they attended a variety of classes designed to prepare them for ministering in the vineyard. Neal Lozano, author of Unbound gave two keynote addresses entitled “Five Keys to Freedom” and “The Power of Forgiveness.” In his second keynote, “The Power of Forgiveness” Lozano outlined 10 obstacles that make it difficult to forgive others. “The person we need to forgive is ourselves,” said Lozano. “Sometimes we immediately hate someone because they remind us of someone or something we need to forgive.”

Wednesday night attendees also had the privilege of viewing a premiere screening of the movie “Bella.” Bella is the first project from Metanoia Films set to be released in theaters beginning August 15. Judging by our group’s reaction, this movie has culture changing power and impact! Bella was met with a standing ovation – so keep posted for its review in next month’s issue!

Kevin Burke, Associate Director of Rachel’s Vineyard delivered his keynote entitled, “Behold, I Make All Things New” on Thursday morning. Burke offered important guidelines and tips to help attendees reach out to men suffering from abortion. Burke recently published a book titled, Redeeming a Father’s Heart along with David Wemhoff and Marvin Stockwell. The book details powerful stories about men and their abortion loss and recovery.

Father Frank Pavone, Pastoral Director of Rachel's Vineyard delivered another keynote address Thursday morning entitled, "Spiritual Charisms for Rachel's Vineyard." Pavone's keynote focused on the facets of spirituality within Rachel's Vineyard.

On Thursday night attendees took to the stage to perform in the talent show. A myriad of performers showcased their talents, which included singing, dancing and playing instruments. The master of ceremonies was Steven Burke, who introduced each act with humor and warm affirmation.

Monsignor Mike Mannion, Dr. Alveda King and Jim and Joy Pinto were popular keynote speakers for Friday. Mannion obtained inspiration from Hebrews 12 for his talk "Givers & Receivers," during which he encouraged attendees to follow the example of Christ into a life of submission and obedience. King's keynote, "How Can the Dream Survive?" explored a woman's right to information and healing and her perception of abortion as the largest civil rights issue facing our nation today. Jim and Joy Pinto delivered another inspiring highlight, sending us forth with confidence in the primacy of God's Divine Affirming Love.

Special thanks to all of our speakers, musicians and teachers who helped make the event so successful and enriching!

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Get Your Leadership Conference CDs!

All of the talks from the Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference were recorded live by Vincent & Barbara Sumoski (Love Tape-CD Ministry) and are available on CD for purchase.

There were 36 excellent talks. You can purchase CDs individually or buy the entire set. We will be honoring a special conference price of only \$7.00 per disc that includes FREE shipping and handling until September 7, 2007.

The most up to date order forms may be obtained upon request via e-mail at RV@sumoski.com or 610-779-8989. This special pricing and order form differs from the form in the Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference Book.

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Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.

Vince Lombardi

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A Note from the Pastoral Director

Dear Friends,

We had a great training week together with so many laborers in the Vineyard at the end of last month in Malvern, PA. It renewed my gratitude for the work so many of you do and the way you have responded to the Lord's call! We felt the spiritual unity with those who were not able to be present in person, and lifted them up in our thoughts, words, and prayers.

We dealt with some powerful themes during our days together, and it reminded us all that we all need continued healing as we face the ugliness of abortion. Ironically, facing the Lord and seeking his face requires facing evil as it is, calling it by its true name, and helping others to do so. We can appreciate how great the Lord's mercy is when we recognize how much he forgives.

In this task, we have to help one another, which again, is why it is so important for us to keep coming together. That is one of my greatest joys, as I spend so much time interacting around the country with those who have had abortions and with those who minister to them.
Blessings!

Fr. Frank Pavone
National Pastoral Director, Rachel's Vineyard
National Director, Priests for Life

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Good leaders must first become good servants.
Robert Greenleaf
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National Conference for Seminarians and the General Public

Priests for Life and Seminarian Life Link is sponsoring a National Conference for Seminarians. This event is also open to anyone interested from the general public. The conference will be held at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center in Amarillo, Texas from August 15th at 5 p.m. to August 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Seminarians from around the country will come together to reflect on the call to priesthood and the defense of human life. Main speakers include Father Frank Pavone and Bishop John W. Yanta. Other speakers include Dr. Alveda King, Dr. Theresa Burke, Kevin Burke and Janet Morana.

The cost is \$350 per person, which covers room and meals. Sponsorships are available. To register, send a \$50 deposit with checks made payable to Priests for Life.

Please refer all questions to Ray at raym@priestsforlife.org.

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If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
John Quincy Adams
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Upcoming Clinical Training and Speaking Events:

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| July 21, 2007 | Rachel's Vineyard Clinical Training in Cork, Ireland
Contact: Bernadette Goulding
bergoulding@eircom.net |
| July 22, 2007 | Cork, Ireland
Regional Skills Building Clinic for facilitators in Rachel's Vineyard |

Contact: Bernadette Goulding
bergoulding@eircom.net

July 23, 2007

**Cork Ireland
Clergy Training**
Contact: Bernadette Goulding
bergoulding@eircom.net

August 15-21

National Conference for Seminarians, Amarillo, Texas
Sponsored by Seminarian Life Link
Join with seminarians from around the country to reflect on the call to priesthood and the defense of human life. Priests and Pro-Life Leaders also welcome! Presenters include Fr. Frank Pavone, Theresa & Kevin Burke, Janet Morana and Dr. Alveda King
Contact: Priests for Life -- Seminarian Conference
Tel: (718) 980-4400 ext. 260
E-mail: seminarians@priestsforlife.org

August 27

Yonkers, New York
Conference for Seminarians at Dunwoodie Seminary
Kevin Burke will be presenting on the topic of men and abortion and the impact upon relationships and families.
Other speakers include Theresa Bonopartis and Fr. Mariusz.
Contact Sr. Lucy Marie
Family Life + Respect Life Office
Archdiocese of New York
Assistant Respect Life Program Coordinator
(212) 371-1011 X3195

Sept. 26, 2007

Melbourne, Australia Public Lecture
Time: 7:30 pm
Place: The Cardinal Knot Centre
383 Albert Street, East Melbourne
Contact: Anne Neville (03) 9870 7044
anne@opendoors.com.au

Sept. 27, 2007

Hobart, Australia Public Lecture
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Murphy Room: Diocesan Office
35 Tower Road. New Town
Contact: Anne Sherston (03) 6229 8739
projectrachel@smartchat.net.au

Sept. 29, 2007

Sydney, Australia Public Lecture
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Place: Chevalier Centre
1 Roma Avenue, Kensington
Contact: Louise Robards (02) 4232 4261
souldreamproductions@hotmail.com

Sept. 29 – 30, 2007

Sydney, Australia National Conference

Place: Chevalier Centre
1 Roma Avenue, Kensington, Sydney, NSW
Contact: Julie Kelly (02) 9440 7980 info@projectrachel.org.au

October 12, 2007

Tampa, Florida
Clinical Training Sponsored by Diocese of St. Petersburg
Contact: Emma Boe (813) 631-4370 ext. 222
eboe@ccdosp.org

November 2, 2007

Baltimore, Maryland (Friday Evening)
“Regional Skill Building Clinic for Rachel’s Vineyard Leadership in
Baltimore, Virginia, DC, Delaware, and Pennsylvania areas

November 3, 2007

Baltimore, Maryland
Deacons Convocation
Contact: Linda M. Brenegan
Respect Life Program Director
Archdiocese of Baltimore
410-547-5537
fax: 410-625-8485
LBrenegan@archbalt.org

November 3, 2007

Baltimore, Maryland
Maryland Unites for Life Conference
Contact: Angela Martin
700 Melvin Avenue Suite 1
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-269-6397
Fax: 410-263-9138

November 30, 2007

Tulsa, Oklahoma
Pregnancy Loss and Unresolved Grief Seminar
Sponsored by Saint Francis Health Systems and Catholic Charities
Contact: Theresa Valento (918) 494-1096 trvalento@saintfrancis.com

*** Continuing Education Credits Available

Keep posted for additional trainings in upcoming issues of Vine and Branches!

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Upcoming Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats: July- September

July 6-8, 2007 -- Washington/ DC Metro Area - Maryland

Note: Bilingual Spanish and English
Contact: [Eugenia Hadley](mailto:Eugenia.Hadley@projectrachel.org) 301 237 6177

July 6-8, 2007 -- Wausau (Northern Wisconsin)

Contact: [Mary Piper](mailto:Mary.Piper@projectrachel.org) 715-209-6387

July 13-15, 2007 -- Fresno, California

Contact: [Jennifer Butcher](#) 877 629 6626

July 20-22, 2007 -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Contact: [Stephanie Claudy](#) 866 4 RACHEL

July 20-22, 2007 -- Denver, Colorado

Contact: [Edith Gutierrez](#) 303 410-1710

Contact: [Diane Svoboda](#) 303 359 3289

July 20-22, 2007 -- Springfield, Massachusetts

Contact: [Mary Petisce](#) or [Claire Lapointe](#) 413 452 0661

July 20-22, 2007 -- Sonoma County, California

Local host: After the Choice, Diocese of Oakland

Contact: [Monika](#) 510 267 8335

Note: Spanish Retreat

July 20-22, 2007 -- Allentown, Pennsylvania

Contact: [Maryann Dunn M.S.](#) 866 372 2435

July 27-29, 2007 -- Dallas (English), Texas

Contact: [Caryn Stevens](#) 214 544 2273

July 27-29, 2007 -- Wichita, Kansas

Local host: Rachel's Vineyard of the Diocese of Wichita

Contact: [Tama Dutton](#) 316 269 4673 or 1-888-456-4673 (statewide only)

July 27-29, 2007 -- El Paso, Texas

Contact: [Maria Acosta](#) 915 872 8405

Contact: [Cynthia Wynn](#) 806 793 1235

July 27-29, 2007 -- Fargo, North Dakota

Contact: [Sherry](#) 701 520 1229

August 3-5, 2007 -- Longbranch, Washington

Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE

August 3-5, 2007 -- Melbourne, Australia

Note: Interdenominational

Contact: [Anne Neville](#) 61 3 9870 7044

August 3-5, 2007 -- Baltimore, Maryland

Contact: [Denise Douglas](#) 410 354 6900

Contact: Deacon Frank Zeiler 800-286-4224

August 3-5, 2007 -- Atlanta, Georgia

Contact: [Mary Ann McNeal](#) 404 896 6521

Contact: [Rachel's Vineyard Atlanta](#)

Website: [Healing After Abortion](#)

August 10-12, 2007 -- Hays, Kansas

Local host: Salina Diocese

Web: [Salina Diocese](#)

Contact: [Donetta Robben](#) 877 447 4383

August 10-12, 2007 -- Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact: [Nancy Blom](#) 952 882 2072

August 10-12, 2007 -- Tampa, Florida

Contact: [Emma Boe](#) 813 631 4370

Retreat Location: Clearwater, Marian Servants of Our Lady of Divine Providence

August 10-12, 2007 -- Saginaw, Michigan

Contact: [Sandy Buza](#) 989 797 6652 or 800 453 2081 ext 652

August 10-12, 2007 -- Belfast, Northern Ireland

Note: Catholic Retreat

Contact: [Marian](#) 02890 799967

Contact: [Bernadette](#) 087 859 2877

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.ie

August 17-19, 2007 -- Grand Rapids, Michigan

Contact: [Maggie Walsh](#) 800 800 8284 or 616 233-0081

August 17-19, 2007 -- Birmingham / Cullman, Alabama

Contact: [Maria Kaczperski](#) 205-919-3288

Contact: [Maria Steele](#) 256-347-1569

August 24-26, 2007 -- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Contact: [Susan Lepak](#) 405 709 2707

August 24-26, 2007 -- Sydney, Australia

Contact: [Julie Kelly](#) 02 9440 7980

September 7-9, 2007 -- Scottsdale, Arizona

Contact: [Magdalin](#) 602-358-8709

September 7-9, 2007 -- Springfield, Massachusetts

Contact: [Mary Petisce](#) or [Claire Lapointe](#) 413 452 0661

September 7-9, 2007 -- Long Island / Uniondale, New York

Contact: [Frank and Lorraine Gariboldi](#) 516 523 0586

Note: Spanish

September 7-9, 2007 -- Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Contact: [Mary Carole Curran](#) 605 988 3775

September 7-9, 2007 -- San Jose, California

Contact [Mary Peter](#) 408 426 7343 or 888 467 3790

September 7-9, 2007 -- Santa Rosa/St. Helena, California

Contact: [Valerie Johnson Fish](#) 707 967 1101

September 14-16, 2007 -- Bowling Green / Owensboro, Kentucky

Contact: [Colleen](#) 270 598 0443

Contact: [Debbie Ward](#) 270 683 6933

September 14-16, 2007 -- Lancaster, Kentucky

Local Host: Catholic Diocese of Lexington

Contact: [Sharla Wells](#) 877 792 3330 (toll free)

September 14-16, 2007 -- Casper, Wyoming

Contact: [Sharon Cundall](#) 877-237-0662

Local host: Diocese of Cheyenne

September 21-23, 2007 -- Fairfield County, Connecticut

Contact: [Clarissa Cincotta](#) 203 218 0291

September 21-23, 2007 -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Contact: [Stephanie Claudy](#) 866 4 RACHEL

September 21-23, 2007 -- Sacramento, California

Contact: [Edie Sickman](#) 916 733 0161

September 21-23, 2007 -- Janesville, Wisconsin

Contact: [Cheryl Ryan](#) 608 755 9739 or 608 754 0309

Local host: [Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville](#)

Note: Interdenominational retreat

September 21-23, 2007 -- Dallas (Español), Texas

Contactar: [Aurora](#) 972 679 4760

September 21-23, 2007 -- Romeoville, Illinois

Local Host: Joliet Diocesan Life Office

Contact: [Kay Corcoran](#) 815 838 7171

September 21-23, 2007 -- Los Angeles, California

Contact: [Christine Lowe](#) 866 2 RACHEL

Contact: [Rachel's Vineyard Los Angeles](#)

September 21-23, 2007 -- Richmond, Virginia

Note: Interdenominational retreat

Contact: [Gordon and Deborah Frantzich](#) 540 775 5147

September 21-23, 2007 -- Pittsburgh (Western, PA)

Note: Interdenominational retreat

Contact: [Kathy or Dan Hawk](#) 412-977-9521

September 28-30, 2007 -- Linden, New Jersey

Contact: [Michelle Krystofik](#) 732 388 8211

September 28-30, 2007 -- Evansville, Indiana

Local Host: Diocese of Evansville

Contact: [Pam Robinson](#) 812 838 4707

September 28-30, 2007 -- Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: [Mary Lee](#) 918 585 8167 ext. 212

September 28-30, 2007 -- Ellensburg, Washington

Sponsor: Diocese of Yakima

Contact: [Nancy Murray](#) 509 554 9415

September 28-30, 2007 -- North Providence, Rhode Island

Local host: Rachel Vineyard Retreats of Southern New England

Contact: [Sheila Kuzmic](#) 401 348 8874

Contact: [Joan Pendergast](#) 401-861-2069

Contact: [Nicole Cunningham](#) 401-263-4442

September 28-30, 2007 -- Omaha / Lincoln, Nebraska

Contact: [Heather](#) 877-746-6689

September 28-30, 2007 -- Fort Worth, Texas

Note: Interdenominational

Contact: [Betsy Kopor](#) 817 923 4757

September 28-30, 2007 -- Knoxville, Tennessee

Contact: [Catherine McHugh](#) 865 694 4971

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