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METROPOLITAN YMCAS OF MISSISSIPPI CHOSEN TO BECOME PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA'S NEWEST PROVISIONAL CHAPTER

Chicago, IL April 21, 2008 – Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA America) is proud to announce that the Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi have been selected to become the home for its provisional chapter in Mississippi.

Since 1972, PCA America has been a pioneer in the prevention of child abuse and neglect across the country. The organization's sole mission is "preventing the abuse and neglect of our nation's children" and with the formation of the Mississippi Chapter, there are now 44 states which have PCA America chapters.

Joe Bennett, Executive Director of the Family Support Services branch of the Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi, remarks, "It is due time that Mississippi has an organization which has state-wide reach and will be committed to preventing and eliminating child abuse and neglect rather than reacting to it after the fact."

Jim Hmurovich, President & CEO of PCA America concurs stating, "While united in their shared dedication to the importance of implementing more effective ways for communities and systems to care for children and families, our chapters are unique in the programs and services they offer. We are thrilled to welcome the Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi as our newest provisional chapter and look forward to partnering with them on their public awareness, education, advocacy, research and prevention program efforts across the state."

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About Prevent Child Abuse America: PCA America, founded in Chicago in 1972, is the nation's leading organization working solely to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children. Through its chapters in 44 states and its voluntary home visitation services provided by Healthy Families America® in more than 400 communities nationwide, PCA America helps provide healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for more than 100,000 families every year. For more information, please visit www.preventchildabuse.org and www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org.



About the Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi: The Metro YMCA serves over 30,000 people in our community each year, uniting men, women and children of all ages, faiths, backgrounds, abilities and income levels. From inner city areas to the suburbs, YMCAs are a place for people to belong, serving the Metro's communities for 100 years by "building healthy spirit, mind and body for all." Visit www.metroymcams.org to find out more about the Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi.

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