



HOLDING THE VISION: INFINITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF FOSTERING LIFELONG LEARNING, HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION, SUPPORTING SPIRITUAL AND HOLISTIC PERSONAL GROWTH

Acclaimed, best selling author of *The Celestine Prophecy*, James Redfield, recipient of the 2007 Infinity Foundation Spirit Award, to speak at 10th Annual Birthday Benefit

Highland Park, IL (January 25, 2007) — Infinity Foundation, the Chicago area's premier center for a holistic life, celebrates 10 years of offering cutting-edge courses and programs on Saturday, May 19, 2007, 5:30 – 10:30 p.m., at the Highland Park Country Club, located at 1201 Park Avenue West Highland Park, IL. James Redfield, best-selling author of *The Celestine Prophecy*, is scheduled to be the main speaker at this landmark benefit. Mr. Redfield is the recipient of the Infinity Foundation Spirit Award for 2007.

The celebration includes an elegant sit-down dinner, a free practitioners fair, and silent auction. The practitioners fair will highlight 50 holistic practitioners who will be offering free mini-demos. On May 20, Mr. Redfield and his wife, Salle Merrill Redfield will present a workshop, *Synchronicity: Deepening Spiritual Awareness*. James and Salle will guide participants in achieving life-changing integration and deeper spiritual consciousness by tuning into the mysterious coincidences of your life. The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., box lunch included, at the Highland Park Country Club. Cost is \$125/\$115 payment 20 days (May 1) in advance.

More than 150 life enhancing courses are offered each year with bestselling authors and a high caliber of local faculty; 80% of the courses change every trimester. Infinity's Courses for Life is a unique, vast curriculum that has something for everyone: from arts & expression to workplace wellness to holistic health to personal and spiritual growth to body-centered approaches. Known as a leader and steady provider in the holistic community, the Foundation's course offerings inspire soul seeking that improves and deepens one's life.

Infinity also offers a holistic practitioner referral directory of over 100 holistic practices for people who are seeking a holistic practitioner, or for those who want to complement allopathic medicine.

"I am awe-inspired by the holistic world," says Nancy Grace Marder, founder and Executive Director. "It is vast and infinite. In the past ten years, we have offered over 1,400 courses, a true testament to its depth and breadth. The over 8,000 people who have taken our courses range in age from 6 to 86 – kids, teens and adults."

Ms. Marder continues: "Infinity supports lifelong learning. It is thrilling to read a book by

a bestseller and then be able to study with them. We attract people who are awakening to their consciousness, who want to do something new and different, and for those who want to establish a holistic career, we offer professional trainings.”

Infinity opened its doors in January, 1997 at Partners in Healing in Northbrook, with 16 faculty members offering 21 classes, and by the next year, Infinity had booked its first bestselling authors on faculty: Sonia Choquette, Julia Cameron, John-Roger, M. Csikszentmihalyi, and Neal Donald Walsh. In 1999, Infinity moved into its own space in Highland Park. As courses expanded, so did the course guide, from 15 to 24 pages. That year, Infinity started the Infinity Foundation Practitioners' Network Association, offering holistic referrals for the public. The next leap came in 2000, when the course guide went to 32 pages, with the start of a cable TV show, Inner Quest. In 2005, Infinity expanded its community outreach to children with a FUNtastic Children's Fair. The full color course guide is now 40 pages and is sent to over 16,000 people.

Over 50 people volunteer to run the organization. One volunteer, Karen Daughtry, MA, CHTP, Evanston, IL, commented: “I was blessed and happy to find Infinity Foundation in its very earliest days—almost 10 years ago. What a resource for education and training! It was like finding a watering hole in the middle of the desert. Where else could you learn about Reiki and energy healing and meditation and all those other unusual subjects that weren't commonly taught? This kind of training was hard to find, and Infinity continues to provide a haven for knowledge of all kinds.

“We come to Infinity to quench our thirst for learning. We come because we are seekers—we have been wandering, and we may wander yet. We come to drink the waters of independent thought at Infinity because it is an oasis of freedom of belief. At Infinity, you'll see and hear things you might not see or hear at other places. You'll meet fellow sojourners in search of spiritual sustenance, finding strength for the journey at Infinity.”

Nancy Grace Marder talks about new programming, “Infinity is excited to expand programming by increasing its course offerings in the daytime with special classes for moms and kids. Improving workplace wellness is another new program launched by the Foundation. Infinity is also available to take these courses into the workplace and present customized workshops for organizations.”

Ms. Marder comments, “The next 10 years will be critically important as we continue to serve humankind through its mission to create a community for raising individual, professional and global consciousness with joy, loving support, and inner wisdom.”

Tickets for the May 19th birthday benefit are \$60, \$515 for table of ten (\$560 after April 15). To register, InfinityFoundation.org or call 847.831.8828.

James Redfield is the acclaimed bestselling author of *The Celestine Prophecy*, the number one international bestseller of 1996. In 1995 and 1996, it was the number one American book in the world. This phenomenal novel spent over three years on the New York Times bestsellers list and appeared on lists around the world. He is also the

author of *The Tenth Insight: Holding the Vision*, *The Celestine Vision: Living The New Spiritual Awareness*, and *The Secret of Shambhala: In Search of the Eleventh*. In 1997, James was awarded the highly prestigious Medal of the Presidency of the Italian Senate at the XXIII Pio Manzu International Conference in Rimini, Italy. Pio Manzu is a nongovernmental arm of the United Nations. In 2000, James was the recipient of Humanitarian of the Year from his Alma Mater, Auburn University and was honored by the International New Thought Alliance with another Humanitarian of the Year award. His movie, *Celestine Prophecy*, was released in 2006. The message from the international best-seller, *The Celestine Prophecy*, is more poignant and relevant than ever. He is the Infinity Foundation Spirit Award recipient for 2007. www.celestinevision.com

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