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Don Miguel Ruiz has joined Our Gang!

Supporting One Dollar campaign to Adopt-A-School, and Jump Start local Teachers and Student's life to help change the world!

Beverly Hills, Ca-September 14, 2009: Don Miguel Ruiz, author of "*The Four Agreements®*" has joined Silva Mirzoian, author of "*Jump-Start Your Life®*" in support of Gang of Hope®, a Passions & Dreams Funding Inc. program to support **The One Dollar Campaign**. Each one dollar will move us towards providing schools with onsite and online training. This would involve wellness and vocational after school training, to both students and educators. We plan to hire teachers as trainers, as well as provide grants for creative arts and entrepreneurial programs.

In California alone, about \$4 billion will be cut from the education system. Thousands of teachers will be out of work, while classroom sizes and dropout rates will continue to rise.

Silva Mirzoian, founder of The Passions & Dreams Funding, Inc.; and producer of **Gang of Hope®** says "We spend approximately \$10,000 a year on a student, while we spend over \$35,000 a year on an inmate in prison. Something is wrong with this picture. Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 dollars to **Adopt-A-School** within communities at risk"

Gang of Hope® is a **global multimedia learning center**, where teachers and students are given access to mentors who share their achievable step-by-step plan of success.

GangofHope.com provides learning tools and resources that can be practically applied to **transform lives**, provide career direction and help realize potential.

Silva Mirzoian together with other Gang of Hope® members will be speaking at various national forums, and school campuses inspiring and empowering educators and students with tools to help change their world. Also a **national retreat** is in the works with Don Miguel Ruiz for **2010**. The possibilities are limitless!

Silva says "We are focused on preventive and practical teachings with workable solutions. This along with illuminating a young mind to their possibilities in life is a solid catalyst for positive change..."

Passions & Dreams Funding, Inc - a 501 (c) 3 public foundation, since 1998, through its programs such as, **Gang of Hope®** and **"The Sky's the Limit"** after school wellness programs, has influenced positive change in the lives of hundreds of women and children at risk. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty, abuse and homelessness within our society. **P&DFI** works with The Salvation Army, Upward Bound, Youth Shelters & an Alliance Partner with America's Promise Organization.

John Amos, Tony Maiden, Armen Chakmakian, and Dr. Katherine Bihr are just a few of our gang members. We currently have **35 schools waiting to be adopted**, so we invite more positive role models to join our gang, donate and help us change the world, **one child at a time!**

Visit www.passionsdreams.org/AdoptASchoolCampaign.html & www.gangofofhope.com

"Help me change the world"

Don Miguel Ruiz - "The Four Agreements®"

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