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Dear Friends,

Odyssey House Texas, Inc. is celebrating its 20th Anniversary!

In his *New York Times* best-selling memoir, **Symptoms of Withdrawal**, Christopher Kennedy Lawford chronicled his deep descent into near-fatal drug and alcohol addiction, and his subsequent hard-won journey back to sobriety. This book covers the events that triggered the understanding within himself that he had to change, and what finally forced him to choose life over death. In his most recent book, **Moments of Clarity**, Mr. Lawford shares before and after stories of many recognizable people.

In September, Christopher Kennedy Lawford, actor, author, and motivator, will come to Houston to share with us his experience with addiction, recovery and advocacy. His story is about asking questions, searching for the truth and finding the courage to be honest no matter the consequences.

Every segment of society has been touched by addiction and its aftermath. Alcohol and drug abuse present a real and present danger to our society. Chances are that you have witnessed, if not experienced, the devastation of addiction within your family, circle of friends, or at school or the office. Helplessness leaves loved ones paralyzed to the same degree it drives the dependent, yet there is always hope. Odyssey House addresses the helplessness of youth before it becomes hopelessness.

So, as part of our 20th Anniversary celebration, on Friday, September 11, 2009, we will welcome Mr. Lawford, for an empowering breakfast presentation. We hope you can join us for this very special occasion and give generously so that we may continue providing the opportunity of hope for our youth.

Sincerely,