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Paxton Manor's Shocktober Event Prepares for October Opening

LEESBURG, Virginia - August 29, 2012 – Paxton Manor's annual **Shocktober** event is just over a month away, but the planning and preparations made throughout the summer have guaranteed that this year's **Shocktober** will be the most terrifying yet.

When **Shocktober** officially begins on October 5th, guests will be able to tour three chilling and unique attractions including The Paxton Manor Inn, The Haunted Well of Souls, and lastly, The Funhouse – all offering their own frightening twist during this four-week-long event.

Built above a massive underground lake full of unexplored caverns in 1860, the Paxton Manor is the source of the most horrifying folklore in the state of Virginia. Winding through the Haunted Well of Souls, guests find the only entrance to the lake – a well that has remained unopened for decades, purely due to the fear of what lies beneath the haunted Manor's surface.

Paxton Manor receives a number of requests from paranormal investigators looking to explore the mansion's 26 rooms and to confirm what other investigators, staff, and guests have already stated: that the Manor truly is a haunted house.

Although known for its frightening PG-13 tours among thrill-seekers and locals, **Shocktober**, and the doors of Paxton Manor, were opened to raise awareness for the Paxton Campus. All proceeds from **Shocktober** benefit the Paxton Campus, an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities to serve their community and become contributing members of society.

Shocktober begins on Friday, October 5th, and runs every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening during the month of October. For a full calendar of events, including Art Exhibits, a 5k costumed Fun Run, and the family-friendly Shocktober-Fest, visit www.shocktober.org.

For members of the press, Paxton Manor is offering free admission into all of the attractions during all Shocktober hours. Simply present your press credentials at the event to receive free admission. For members of the press who would like a private tour, free of admission, contact Jennifer Lassiter at jlassiter@paxtoncampus.org or 703.777.1939 to schedule your tour.

Located in Leesburg, Virginia, the historic Paxton Campus has been serving children and families in need for 90 years. In 1967, a group of parents whose children had special needs formed The Arc of Loudoun, a 501(c)3 organization, to start a preschool for their children when no one else would.

Since then, the Paxton Campus has grown into a full-service organization with multiple programs that together provide an integrated and innovative learning environment for children of all ages and abilities.

For more information, visit www.shocktober.org or contact Jennifer Lassiter, Executive Director of Paxton Campus, at jlassiter@paxtoncampus.org or by phone at 703.777.1939.

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