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Life Matters' Executive Director, Dr. Evelyn Llewellyn Receives St. Pius V High School's Excelsior Community Service Award

New York, NY — March 28, 2005 — Dr. Evelyn Llewellyn has been selected as the recipient of the Excelsior Community Service Award. This is the 13th year St. Pius V High School in the South Bronx recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the New York City Community. Past recipients of St. Pius V awards have included: Matilda Cuomo- First Lady, State of New York (1994); Nora Feury- Executive Director, Archdiocese of NY Head Start (1998); Senator Olga A. Mendez, 28th Senate District, New York State (1998); Rose Rodriguez- Senior Adviser/ Director of Constituent Affairs for Senator Hillary Clinton (2003) and the Hon. Governor George Pataki (2002).

Dr. Llewellyn's past work in the Bronx has included being a staff psychologist at the Astor Child Guidance Center in the Northeast Bronx, Day-Care and Head Start consultant in the South Bronx and a provider of psychological services to several geriatric residential facilities throughout the borough. As a licensed psychologist in NY State with postdoctoral certifications in Adult Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis from the Institute of Contemporary Psychology and advanced training in Critical Incident Stress Management, Dr. Llewellyn has worked in wide variety of settings counseling children, adolescents, families, and the elderly who have experienced traumatic and violent loss.

Immediately after the incidence of 9/11, Dr. Llewellyn co-founded Life Matters, Inc, a 501 (c) (3) organization, which aims to facilitate the treatment, awareness and well being of uniformed and civilian first responders and their families affected by traumatic stress, loss and grief. Within three years of its existence, Life Matters' proactive, preventative, psycho-educational programs: Youth Leadership Program, Resiliency Outreach and Education, Mobile Response Teams, and The Psychological Third Alarm have gained national and international recognition.

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Life Matters has become a friend to thousands of first responder families throughout metropolitan New York. The NYS Crime Victims Board funded by the Department of Justice, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Pfizer's Zolofit Team and Firefighters National Trust support the organization. Life Matters' work has also been recognized by US Senator Charles Schumer, Congressmen Jerrold Nadler and Christopher Shays, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Assemblyman Joseph Lentol, and many others. As such, along with Dr. Michael Lonski, the co-founder of Life Matters, Dr. Llewellyn, was invited to testify on the mental health impact of 9/11 before the US Congressional Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations in Washington DC on the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Dr. Llewellyn's leadership drives Life Matter's continued pursuit of excellence in its programs that teach: psychological resiliency, which is the ability to recover after traumatic experiences and make painful, yet critical transitions and adjustments in coping; and hardiness, the capacity to continuously rise to life challenges and turn stressful experiences into opportunities for growth. It is Dr. Llewellyn's belief that we all deserve to have the best resources for mental health and support possible for dealing with the challenging "matters of life."

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