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**ANNOUNCEMENT
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**CDCR SECRETARY MATTHEW CATE,
JUDGE NORBERT EHRENFREUND, ACTOR/ACTIVIST MIKE FARRELL,
RECEIVER CLARK KELSO & ASSEMBLYMEMBER SANDRÉ SWANSON
FEATURED AT THE 2008 CENTERFORCE SUMMIT**

San Rafael, CA, Sept., 2008 – The 9TH Annual Centerforce Inside/Out Summit, October 6-7 at the DoubleTree Sonoma Wine Country: ***More Than One In One Hundred, the Crisis, the Issues, the Solutions*** will feature 15 educational workshops, 4 plenary speakers, the 2nd Annual Socratic Dialogue, a Sentencing Reform Caucus, Incarceration Medicine Panel and an Ask-a-Funder Session.

The Summit will kick-off with newly appointed Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Matthew Cate speaking on the status of corrections in California. The Keynote will be delivered by Superior Court Judge, Author and Nuremberg Trials Journalist Norbert Ehrenfreund speaking about the Nuremberg legacy and its influence on due process and human rights.

Plenary sessions include a Sentencing Reform Caucus discussion featuring Mike Farrell (M*A*S*H) and Assemblymember Sandré Swanson, an Incarceration Medicine Panel featuring Federal Receiver Clark Kelso with prison and re-entry doctors, and the 2nd Annual Socratic Dialogue featuring 12 stakeholders from every area of the incarceration arena.

The unique framework of the Socratic Dialogue allows participants to genuinely examine an issue and collectively share legitimate solutions. The discussion includes a moderator leading an open-minded path intended to reveal possible solutions and the actions needed to reach those solutions. This type of dialogue has been featured on PBS since the 1980s in the Fred Friendly Seminars, self described as, “*Panelists Put Aside Their Speeches, Make Hard Decisions, and Talk To Each Other.*”

Scheduled Socratic Dialogue panelists this year include: CA Director of Finance Michael Genest, Inspector General David Shaw, Prison Law Office Executive Director Don Specter, California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) Chief of Governmental Affairs Lance Corcoran, Stanford Criminal Justice Center Director Kara Dansky, Police Chief Rich Word, *Hard Time Blues* Author Sasha Abramsky, and *Prison Profiteers* Author Paul Wright. Moderator: Ron Clement

The Summit’s all-encompassing program, which includes sessions on frontline programming, policy, HIV & prison health care, reentry, restorative justice, and family & children services will provide an energetic forum for education, growth, success, discussion, and inspiration.

ABOUT CENTERFORCE

Centerforce is a 501(c) (3) with offices in San Rafael, Fresno, and San Quentin Village, California, and a visitors center just outside San Quentin State Prison. The Centerforce mission is to support, educate and advocate for individuals, families and communities impacted by incarceration.

Centerforce provides services for incarcerated individuals and their loved ones through direct services, education, its annual Summit and through consultation and training for government agencies, community-based organizations and correctional facilities across the country and internationally. Throughout its history, Centerforce has worked to promote humane and effective services for prison visitors and prisoners. For more information go to Centerforce.org.