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Landscape Structures Scholarship Supports RIRPA Annual Conference

Keynote speaker, sponsored by Landscape Structures, encourages parks and recreation professionals to “take time to think”

Delano, Minn. (March 11, 2013) — Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground manufacturer, along with its Rhode Island playground consultant, M.E. O’Brien & Sons, Inc., is scheduled to exhibit at the Rhode Island Recreation & Park Association Annual Conference and Tradeshow March 15, in Portsmouth. The conference will feature Jeff Yalden, a certified speaking professional and author, as they keynote speaker. This learning experience was made possible through the 2012-2013 State Association Speaker Scholarship program from Landscape Structures.

Jeff Yalden is a nationally recognized expert on how to motivate teens. Through his presentations and educational resources, Jeff specializes in helping teens feel positive about themselves, build character, learn teamwork, respect others, appreciate diversity, practice kindness and become leaders. Jeff believes that success depends on one's worldview—how people perceive their position in the world. His stories of personal transformation uplift and entertain, for Jeff is living, breathing proof of the miracles available to every human.

The 75-minute session will be presented at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, March 15. Following the keynote address, delegates will have the opportunity to visit M.E. O’Brien & Sons and Landscape Structures in the exhibit hall to learn about the latest trends in playground design including custom and theme designs, concrete as a playground material and creating truly inclusive play environments. Attendees can also take in another session from Jeff that afternoon focusing on the importance of teen programming.

About Landscape Structures Inc.

Since 1971, Landscape Structures Inc. has been the leading commercial playground equipment manufacturer in the world. The employee-owned company is committed to making the world a better place with active children thriving in leading communities year after year, generation after generation. Landscape Structures encourages outdoor play that develops healthy kids and a sustainable world by creating innovative products that are environmentally responsible. The company's mission from day one has been to enhance children's lives by fostering and creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment.

About O'Brien & Sons, Inc.

Family operated, O'Brien & Sons, Inc. is the leading supplier of outdoor recreation equipment in New England. The company provides product and consultation for items such as playground equipment, site furnishings, steel shelter/pavilions, bleachers, athletic equipment, water play splash pads and much more! Founded in 1929, O'Brien & Sons continues to provide customers with high-quality equipment at competitive prices and with the top-notch service they deserve. A third generation of the O'Brien family is now providing the same quality as prior leadership, and they strive to ensure that their name will be associated only with the finest manufacturers, and caring, courteous service to clients backed by undeviating integrity. O'Brien & Sons understands that the endurance of a company depends on how well it regards its customers. They require value, quality, responsiveness, courtesy and fairness. O'Brien & Son's products and service reflect that fact.