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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

**TAI SOPHIA OPENS DONATION-BASED COMMUNITY HERBAL CLINIC
IN SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND ON MAY 7TH**

LAUREL, Md. (April 18, 2008) – In order to provide herbal support to communities in need in the DC metropolitan area, Tai Sophia Institute established the donation-based Herbal Clinic for All (HCFA). The new program begins on May 7th at 8555 16th Street, Ste. 402 in Silver Spring, MD, and is designed to re-establish the people's access to community herbalists, who will assist those in need with nutritional support, herbs, and self-care education.

The clinic will offer herbal and nutritional counseling the first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The HCFA will operate on a volunteer basis, with donations being the primary source of support for the purchase of herbs and the ongoing expenses of the clinic.

Services will be provided by graduates of the Master of Science degree program in Herbal Medicine at Tai Sophia Institute. Robyn Urbach, MS, and Bevin Clare, MS, RH (AHG) are co-directors of the clinic and operate it with the support of additional faculty, staff, students and graduates.

The HCFA aims to re-establish the role of the community herbalist to empower clients to achieve greater health and wellness. The program is also designed to bring nature into the lives of an urban population through the use of medicinal plants. Herbs will be certified organic whenever possible.

To schedule an appointment or to make a donation to the Herbal Clinic for All at Tai Sophia Institute contact:

Bevin Clare or Robyn Urbach
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For more information about Tai Sophia Institute or the Herbal Clinic for All, visit www.tai.edu.

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ABOUT TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE

Tai Sophia Institute is the preeminent institution for wellness-based education, patient care, and public policy discourse. Founded in 1975 as a small healing arts clinic, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing competitive academic programs and institutional partnerships. Tai Sophia is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and offers three graduate degrees in Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, and Applied Healing Arts. The Master of Acupuncture program was the first training program to be accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in the United States. In addition to the graduate curriculum, Tai Sophia offers continuing education, community wellness programs, and clinical services in acupuncture and herbal medicine. The Institute's faculty, staff, and students donate more than 15,000 community service hours to a variety of projects, and its practitioners provide more than 30,000 treatments yearly. The Institute empowers wellness leaders, business executives and communities to learn the art of caring for and serving one another. Its 12-acre main campus houses a bookstore, library, herb and meditation gardens. Tai Sophia Institute is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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