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Paxton Manor's Shocktober Event Enters its Fourth Year

LEESBURG, Virginia – October 7, 2013 – Paxton Manor's fourth annual **Shocktober** event started off with a scream this past weekend, with more than 700 people touring the haunted house over its opening weekend.

On this 17 acre property, guests can choose to tour four chilling and unique attractions including The Paxton Manor, The Haunted Well of Souls, The Funhouse, and lastly, The Last Ride – all offering their own frightening twist during this five-weekend-long event.

Built above a massive underground lake full of unexplored caverns in the 1870s, the Paxton Manor is the source of some mysterious local folklore, and many say paranormal activity.   Paxton Manor receives a number of requests from paranormal investigators looking to explore the mansion's 32 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 serving people with disabilities and their families, as well as helping children of all abilities thrive in our community.

Shocktober began on Friday, October 4th, and runs every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening during the month of October, as well as November 1st and 2nd this year. For a full calendar of events, including student night, a 5k costumed Fun Run, and the family-friendly Shocktober-Fest, visit www.shocktober.org.

For members of the press, **Shocktober** is offering free admission to each attraction and/or private tours of the campus. To receive your free tickets or schedule a tour, simply contact Rachel Roseberry by email at rroseberry@paxtoncampus.org or by phone at 703.777.1939.

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 Rachel Roseberry, Communications Coordinator of Paxton Campus, at rroseberry@paxtoncampus.org or by phone at 703.777.1939.

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