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## **Don Miguel Ruiz has joined Our Gang!**

**Supporting one Dollar campaign to Jump Start Your local Teachers and Student's life to help change the world!**

**Beverly Hills, Ca-August 17, 2009: Don Miguel Ruiz, author of "The Four Agreements®" has joined Gang of Hope®, a Passions & Dreams Funding Inc. program to support The One Dollar Campaign. Each one dollar will move us towards providing schools with onsite and online training. This would involve **wellness** and **vocational** after school training, to both students and educators. We plan to hire **teachers** as trainers, as well as provide **grants** for **creative arts** and **entrepreneurial** programs.**

In California alone, about \$4 billion will be cut from the education system. Thousands of teachers will be out of work, while classroom sizes and dropout rates will continue to rise.

**Silva Mirzoian, founder of The Passions & Dreams Funding, Inc.; author of "Jump-Start Your Life®" - 7 steps to waking up from The Sleep-Walking Mode and creator of Gang of Hope® says "We spend approximately \$10,000 a year on a student, while we spend over \$35,000 a year on an inmate in prison. Something is wrong with this picture. Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 dollars to **Adopt-A-School** within communities at risk"**

**Gang of Hope® is a global multimedia learning center, where teachers and students are given access to mentors-who share their achievable step-by-step plan of success. GangofHope.com provides learning tools and resources that can be practically applied to **transform lives**, provide career direction and help realize potential.**

Silva Mirzoian together with other Gang of Hope® members will be speaking at various national forums, and school campuses inspiring and empowering educators and students with tools to help change their world. Also a **national retreat** is in the works with Don Miguel Ruiz for **2010**. The possibilities are limitless!

Silva says "We are focused on preventive and practical teachings with workable solutions. This along with illuminating a young mind to their possibilities in life is a solid catalyst for positive change..."

**Passions & Dreams Funding, Inc** - a 501 (c) 3 public foundation, since 1998, through its programs such as, **Gang of Hope®** and **"The Sky's the Limit"** after school wellness programs, has a mission to break the cycle of poverty, abuse and homelessness within our society.

**John Amos, Tony Maiden, Armen Chakmakian and Dr. Katherine Bihr** are just a few of our gang members. We currently have **35 schools waiting to be adopted**, so we invite more positive role models to join our gang, donate and help us change the world, **one child at a time!**

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**"Please help me change the world"**  
Don Miguel Ruiz - "The Four Agreements®"

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