

**STATEMENT BY DR. JOHN HALL, FORMER CEO OF GREENWOOD HALL, INC.
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While I resigned my position with Greenwood Hall five (5) months ago and have not been involved in the events or decisions that have caused scores of Greenwood Hall employees in both Bryan and Horry County to not be paid, after helping build this Company over two (2) decades what disappoints me most about all the events of the past months is that Greenwood Hall has closed its doors and failed to pay its employees.

It has been announced that AnswerNet has acquired the assets of Greenwood Hall and has already moved forward in maintaining certain operations and employees it deems as the most economically viable. This is a business decision and I do not have the facts to question it at this point. It does not, however, mean that innocent employees who worked in good faith should go without pay for good.

AnswerNet's President, Mr. Gary Pudles has commented publicly how attracted he was to Greenwood Hall's relationships. During my tenure at Greenwood Hall, we worked hard to foster and maintain enduring relationships with colleges and universities across the country. Our people were the key to that success. Many of our partners and clients were with the company for over 10 years. Mr. Pudles is now benefiting, at least to some extent, from certain relationships and the hard work of Greenwood Hall employees.

Whether Mr. Pudles has a legal obligation to pay employees who have not been paid is a question I cannot answer. I believe, however, it would be the *right* thing to do. If Mr. Pudles does pay Greenwood Hall's former employees in South Carolina and Texas, I believe it will be favorably recognized and will demonstrate that Mr. Pudles is committed to doing the right thing by the colleges and universities he hopes to serve in coming years. Many of the clients that Mr. Pudles serves or may serve in the future are public institutions with elected officials, who will want to see that the right thing was done.

At times like these, the right thing dwarfs turning a profit. I experienced that this summer when I resigned from a company I loved and built for nearly 20 years. Doing the right thing cost me a lot. I am still trying to put the pieces back together.

I have known the CEO of AnswerNet since the mid 1990s. During that time, I have known Mr. Pudles to be a fair and respectable business person. While AnswerNet's public statements to the media seem to suggest it does not feel it has any legal liability to pay employees that worked for Greenwood Hall during the past several weeks and I will not opine on whether AnswerNet has a legal responsibility or not, I have asked Mr. Pudles to do what many would consider to be the right thing, and pay Greenwood Hall team members.

By paying it forward Mr. Pudles, you can help 50+ people and their families have a better holiday season and position your new enterprise for success.