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The Children's Home + Aid Children's Foundation Supervisor Wins Award

BLOOMINGTON (October 12, 2009) - Angela Devore, the Child Welfare Supervisor for Foster Care and Independent Living Programs for the Children's Home + Aid Children's Foundation, has won the Illinois Humane Society-Ed Marciniak Bright Star Award. The Ed Marciniak-Bright Star Award is given annually to a social service worker with 2-3 years of experience who shows motivation and enthusiasm in exemplifying the Society's mission of benefiting disadvantaged children in the State of Illinois. Although Marciniak was a lifetime servant, the award focuses on his interest in reaching out to new people and encouraging them to get involved. Angela will receive the Bright Star award at a banquet in Chicago on October 28, 2009.

Ms. Devore graduated from Illinois State University in May of 2000 with a degree in Social Work. While working full-time, she completed her graduate studies in May of 2006 with a Master's of Social Work. In October of 2007, she became the Child Welfare Supervisor for Children's Home + Aid Children's Foundation. In this position, she assumed the responsibility of the directing the Foster Care and Independent Living Programs.

In response to Ms. Devore's service, Children's Home + Aid Children's Foundation Regional Vice-President, Lisa Pieper, states "It is wonderful to have a supervisor with Angela's expert knowledge of child welfare, social work and foster care policies and procedures. Under her guidance and support, her departments have met or exceeded all the best practice standards set by the Council on Accreditation." Lisa also added, "On behalf of the Regional Board of the Children's Home + Aid Children's Foundation, it is my honor and privilege to acknowledge Angela Devore's exemplary commitment and dedication to the families and children she serves in winning the Bright Star Award."

Children's Home + Aid is a leading social service agency in Illinois. Each year, it helps about 40,000 children and families overcome overwhelming obstacles such as poverty, abuse and neglect. Since 1883, Children's Home + Aid has been a compassionate advocate for the welfare of children and families. Today, Children's Home + Aid delivers more than 70 social service programs focusing on child development, child abuse prevention and strengthening families.

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Headquartered in Bloomington, The Children's Foundation of Children's Home + Aid is proud to serve the Mid-Central Region. The Children's Foundation has been a resource for the most disadvantaged low income families of McLean County and the surrounding area for almost 120 years.

The agency offers a comprehensive array of services encompassing the needs of the entire family, including: *adoption services, child and family counseling, early childhood care and education, foster care, intact family services, and parent support.* Annually, Children's Home + Aid serves more than 3,000 children and families in McLean County and the surrounding area. The Children's Foundation of Children's Home + Aid is located at 403 S. State Street, Bloomington, IL.

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