



## **children's home + aid**

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### **CHILDREN'S HOME + AID'S RICE CHILD + FAMILY CENTER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN IN NEED**

*Children Place Artistic Mark on History*

Chicago (November 6, 2008) — Children's Home + Aid is commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of its Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Child + Family Center located in Evanston, Ill. The Center first opened in January 1908 to care for homeless and abandoned children. Originally it was named the Evanston Receiving Home. As children's needs became more complex, the old home was replaced with a state of the art facility which was completed in 1993 and named after the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation.

Today the Rice Child + Family Center serves up to 50 children from the ages of 8 to 15 years old. Most of the children at the Center have experienced severe abuse and neglect in their lives and as a result have serious behavioral and emotional problems. The Center provides 24-hour intensive therapeutic care to help them heal and go on with their lives better equipped to handle everyday challenges.

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Rice Child + Family Center, the children and staff created a wall sculpture titled "Hands on History." Conceived as an art therapy project and funded through a grant from the Lydia Martin Memorial Fund, each child contributed to the sculpture making their own personal mark on the Center's history and to extend a message of hope and healing to future generations of children.

On November 12, 2008, the "Hands on History" sculpture will be unveiled at 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rice Child + Family Center, 1101 Washington in Evanston. Individuals who are interested in viewing the "Hands on History" wall sculpture should call 847.866.3800.

For more information about the Rice Child + Family Center or to make a donation, visit [www.childrenshomeandaid.org](http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org).

Children's Home + Aid is a leading child and family service agency in Illinois. Each year, it protects, educates and counsels more than 40,000 children, youth and families to improve their lives. Since 1883, Children's Home + Aid has been a compassionate advocate helping to shape public policy in child welfare, early childhood and juvenile justice. Children's Home + Aid is recognized for establishing best practices and achieving outstanding results through its programs and services that focus on child abuse prevention, healthy child development and strengthening families.

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*Photo opportunities of celebration and unveiling of sculpture.*