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**CHILDREN'S HOME + AID'S WOMAN'S BOARD
GALA RAISES MORE THAN \$550,000 FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Chicago (September 12, 2015) – During the 95th annual Woman's Board September Gala more than \$550,000 was raised to support early childhood education in the Chicago area. Rob Johnson, CBS2 News Anchor, was the master of ceremonies at the gala where 425 guests gathered to support three of Children's Home + Aid's early childhood centers. The black-tie event was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago on September 11, 2015 and featured music by the Stu Hirsh Orchestra.

For high resolution photos of the event, please [click here](#).

During the event, the Woman's Board, led by co-chairs Alice White Zarov and Mary Ellen Hennessy, honored Jerri and David Hoffmann, residents of Winnetka, with the Pauline K. Palmer Award - an award annually given to individuals who have made a significant impact on the lives of children and families. The Hoffmanns were honored for their generosity and leadership on the Woman's Board and their contribution to a new state of the art child care center in Carpentersville, which opened this summer.

"Children and families served by Children's Home + Aid have benefited greatly from the Hoffmann family's leadership and support of our organization," said Nancy Ronquillo, CEO of Children's Home + Aid. "Jerri and David have instilled a remarkable culture of philanthropy in their own family and their community, giving other families hope, opportunity and bright futures."

The funds raised at the event will benefit the Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child + Family Center, Marletta Darnall Schaumburg Child + Family Center and the Jerri Hoffmann Child + Family Center. For the last 12 years, the fundraising efforts of the Woman's Board have gone to support early childhood education and raised more than \$6 million towards the cause.

The Children's Home + Aid's early childhood centers provide programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start and Raising a Reader for children ages six weeks to six years. It

also provides GED and parenting programs for families in the communities where they reside.

About the Woman's Board of Children's Home + Aid

The Woman's Board was founded in 1920 by caring women dedicated to improving the lives of abused and neglected children. Since 1920, the Woman's Board annual September Gala has raised millions of dollars to support the agency's life-saving work.

About Children's Home + Aid

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 overcome the overwhelming obstacles of poverty, abuse and neglect. The dedicated team of staff and volunteers deliver more than 70 programs including foster care, adoption services, early childhood education, family counseling, and youth services in nearly 60 Illinois counties. For more than 130 years, Children's Home + Aid has been a compassionate advocate helping to shape public policy around early childhood, child welfare and juvenile justice. For more information about Children's Home + Aid, visit childrenshomeandaid.org.

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