



children's home + aid
NORTHERN REGION
celebrating 75 years of service

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**Local Organization Celebrates 75 Years of Providing Home and Aid
to Rockford's Vulnerable Children**

Rockford, IL (7/17/14) Join Children's Home + Aid for a 75th Anniversary Open House on Thursday, July 31. The Open House will be held at the Northern Region Administrative Office, 910 Second Avenue, Rockford, from 1-5pm with a brief presentation at 2pm featuring Regional Vice President, Eileen Liezert and Regional Advisory Board Chair, Bill Decker. Enjoy a tour of the historic Freeman School building which offices over 100 of the organization's staff members, enjoy refreshments, and learn the how the organization has transformed over 75 years to meet the needs of children and families throughout the Rockford region.

The first official office for what was then the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society opened in Rockford on May 15, 1939 in the Forest City National Bank building located at 401 W. State Street. There were two workers, Virginia Speirs and Harold Hoffman, and the regional "superintendent" for northern Illinois was Margaret Noyes. Virginia and Harold worked on placing children for adoption AND finding boarding homes for children.

*Today, **Children's Home + Aid Northern Region** is devoted to serving the area's most challenged communities. Services encompass the needs of the entire family, and include child and family counseling, foster care, intact family services, and MotherHouse Crisis Nursery. Children's Home + Aid's comprehensive, quality programs help children and families overcome the obstacles of poverty, abuse, and neglect to achieve healthy family structures and self-sufficiency.*

Want to help? Bring a donation of diapers, wipes or school supplies to assist programs.

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About Children's Home + Aid

Children's Home + Aid is a leading child and family service agency in Illinois. We help children recover their health, their hope, and their faith in the people around them. We link children to a network of opportunity and care, to extended family, teachers, mentors, and the resources of the neighborhood and community. For over 130 years, Children's Home + Aid has gone wherever children and families need them, and work where that work has been proven to be most effective: at home, in the classroom, in the neighborhood, in the course of daily life. With offices located across Illinois, we serve more than 40,000 children and families in over 60 counties each year. For more information about Children's Home + Aid, visit childrenshomeandaid.org.