



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

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### **CHILDREN'S HOME + AID HEALTHY FAMILIES ILLINOIS PROGRAM RECEIVES DEKALB COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT**

DEKALB (**November 23, 2011**) – On November 10, 2011, the Sycamore office of Children's Home + Aid was awarded a grant for \$1713 by the DeKalb County Community Foundation. Eileen Liezert, Vice President of the Northern Region, and Peggy Franklin, Director of Adoptions and Child and Family Counseling will accept the award on behalf of the Healthy Families Illinois program in the Sycamore office of Children's Home + Aid at 1:00 PM on December 2, 2011 from Bran Brown, one of the Directors of the DeKalb County Community Foundation.. The grant will be used to purchase a lap top computer and interactive software computer programs to teach parents at risk of abuse or neglect. The interactive computer software published by The Learning Seed focuses on educating parents about children's physical, cognitive and social emotional development, teaches parents how to thoroughly baby proof their homes, and offers parents a way to test their knowledge of child development. Children's Home + Aid graciously accepts the grant and looks forward to using the software with the families in DeKalb County as they learn new techniques in parenting and gain more understanding of the importance of the stages in child development.

#### **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 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.

Headquartered in Rockford, the Northern Region of Children's Home + Aid is devoted to serving the area's most challenged communities. The Northern Region of Children's Home + Aid provides

services in many of the counties in Northern Illinois, including Winnebago, Boone, Lee, Ogle, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Whiteside, and DeKalb. Services encompass the needs of the entire family, and include *adoptions, adoption preservation, child and family counseling, MotherHouse Crisis Nursery, Pregnancy and Early Parent Counseling, Healthy Families Illinois, foster care, and family support services.* 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.

For more information about Children's Home + Aid, visit [www.childrenshomeandaid.org](http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org).

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