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**JPMorgan Chase, Polk Bros. Foundation and Governor Pat Quinn
Honored at Champions for Children Luncheon**

(Chicago) Children's Home + Aid hosted the 8th annual Champions for Children Luncheon on Monday, May 20th at The Palmer House Hilton. This annual event celebrates the profound difference Children's Home + Aid makes in the lives of more than 40,000 children, youth and families in Illinois each year. Honored at this event were *Corporate Partner of the Year*, JPMorgan Chase, *For the Love of Children Award* recipients Sandra Polk Guthman and Suzanne Doornbos Kerbow of Polk Bros. Foundation, and Governor Pat Quinn who received the *Blue Bow Award*.

More than 500 of Chicago's most influential business and community leaders, elected officials and corporate partners attended the luncheon and raised more than \$400,000 in support of Children's Home + Aid's programming. The event focused on the agency's work in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, emphasizing the positive impact of the [Community School Initiative](#).

"In order to achieve what we are deeply passionate about, a great future for our children, Children's Home + Aid needs great partners and great investment," said Nancy Ronquillo, president and CEO of Children's Home + Aid. "JPMorgan Chase and Polk Bros. Foundation have been extraordinary in their leadership, innovation around practice, and in their commitment to children succeeding in the Chicagoland area."

Honorees Included:

- *Corporate Partner of the Year Award*, Glenn F. Tilton, Chairman of the Midwest, for JPMorgan Chase
- *For the Love of Children Award*, Sandra Polk Guthman and Suzanne Doornbos Kerbow of Polk Bros. Foundation for their efforts to increase access to quality education and basic human services throughout Chicago
- *Blue Bow Award*, Deputy Governor Cristal Thomas accepted on behalf of Governor Quinn, who was recognized for his work in Illinois to keep children safe and prevent child abuse

To download photos of the honorees and the event, please click [here](#).

Hosted for the fourth year in a row by CBS 2 News Anchor, Rob Johnson, the event also included performances by the Glee Club from Chase Community School and the Howe Elementary Pom Dance Team, all beneficiaries of Children's Home + Aid support through the [Community School Initiative](#).

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 40 Illinois counties. For 130 years, Children's Home + Aid has been a compassionate advocate helping to shape public policy around early childhood, child welfare and juvenile justice.

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