



**children's home + aid**  
celebrating **130** years of service

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**CHILDREN'S HOME + AID WOMAN'S BOARD  
HONORS JERRY M. REINSDORF**

Chicago (September 6, 2013) — During its Annual September Gala, the Woman's Board of Children's Home + Aid honored Jerry M. Reinsdorf, chairman, Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox, with the Pauline K. Palmer Award for his tremendous advocate for community services in the Chicago area. Micah Materre, anchor of WGN News at Nine, was the mistress of ceremonies at the gala where over 350 guests gathered to support Children's Home + Aid's early childhood programs. The black-tie event was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago on September 6, 2013 and featured music by The Bradley Young Orchestra.

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

Jerry M. Reinsdorf was presented with the Pauline K. Palmer Award for his instrumental role in building a strong partnership between the Chicago White Sox and Children's Home + Aid that has benefited thousands of youth in Illinois.

"Boys and girls all across Illinois have benefited greatly from Jerry's leadership and support of organizations like Children's Home + Aid. He has instilled a remarkable culture of philanthropy in the sports community, and he inspires his players, on both the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, to make positive impacts in our communities," remarked Gala co-chair Andrea Thome.

The Pauline K. Palmer Award is the highest award given by the Children's Home + Aid Woman's Board and is named after the group's first president, Mrs. Potter Palmer, who served in 1920.

"The entire Women's Board is passionate about transforming the lives children and families that have great promise while faces great peril. Through exceptional early childhood education centers, Children's Home + Aid has continue to provide a safe and thriving environment for these children. I truly believe that they are our future and our responsibility," remarked Ms. Thome.

The gala raised \$550,000 to benefit Children's Home + Aid's Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child + Family Center and the Marletta Darnall Schaumburg Child + Family Center. For the last 11 years, the fundraising efforts of the Woman's Board have gone to support early childhood education and raised nearly \$6 million towards the cause.

The Children's Home + Aid's Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child + Family Center and the Marletta Darnall Schaumburg Child + Family Center 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 living in Englewood and surrounding communities.

#### **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 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](http://childrenshomeandaid.org).

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