



NEW JERSEY BANKRUPTCY LAWYERS FOUNDATION DONATES FUNDS TO HELP SANDY VICTIMS

Trenton (December 28, 2012) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHS) received a \$5,000 grant from the New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation (NJBLF) to help meet needs of at-risk families still struggling to recover from Hurricane Sandy. This gift is one of three granted by the NJBLF at the end of 2012 to "give back" to the disrupted communities with which they work. NJBLF raises money from the bankruptcy bar and others that work in the field to assist financially distressed individuals. Bankruptcy Judge Michael Kaplan toured the CHS Trenton headquarters with colleagues Bankruptcy Judge Katherine Ferguson, and NJBLF Trustees Christine Gravelle and Stacey L. Meisel. Kaplan explained, "Bankruptcy isn't always an answer. Clients undergoing bankruptcy proceedings often fall behind and need assistance before they can make a fresh start." Gravelle smiled as she added, "We help make the fresh start fresher."

CHS President and CEO Donna C. Pressma noted, "For many of our New Jersey children living along coastal or flooded areas, life has become topsy-turvy. They've seen their homes damaged or destroyed and their parents' jobs disappear. Their families have been uprooted and even separated. The bankruptcy lawyers wanted to help ensure these children and their parents have the food, supplies and services they need during this period of recovery. Such caring concern is truly remarkable."

Meisel confirmed, "Having served many years on the Board of CHS, I know firsthand how many ways the CHS professional team saves the lives of the children with whom they work and strengthens families in our communities."



CHS of NJ Vice President Cordelia Staton (second from left) accepts \$5,000 donation from New Jersey Bankruptcy Lawyers Foundation. Also pictured left to right are Judge Katherine Ferguson, Trustee Stacey L. Meisel, Judge Michael Kaplan and Trustee Christine Gravelle.