

**THE CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY’S “A NIGHT OF STARS” GALA**  
**A SUCCESS FOR HELPING LOCAL CHILDREN**  
*Marking 118 Years of Helping Children*

**TRENTON, NJ** (May 5, 2012) – The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey’s TEDI youth dancers entertained a full house at the 118<sup>th</sup> annual gala to benefit children in the state. More than 200 guests attended the May 5<sup>th</sup> event at Trenton Country Club, determined to make a difference in the lives of New Jersey’s children.

Carol Meta Stretch was the 2012 Gala Chair and chose this year’s theme “A Night of Stars” to honor the “stars” who partner with CHS of NJ - its volunteers and staff. The Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies was named “2012 Champion of Children” and was honored in recognition of their extraordinary support of the agency’s programs and for their hundreds of employees’ dedication to CHS of NJ through volunteerism. All of these champions and “stars” of The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey advance its mission of saving children’s lives and building healthy families.

*Members of the **Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI)** Celebration Team who performed at “A Night of Stars Gala.” Dancers are pictured with TEDI Musical Accompanist, Glenn McClelland (far left), CHS Program Assistant, Jimeka Rivers (second from left), TEDI Artistic Director, Dufftin Garcia (front row, second from left), CHS Director, Dolores Ijames-Bryant (middle row), TEDI President, Richard Bilotti (back row, second from right) and CHS Administrator of School-Based Programs, Louise Shabazz (far right).*



*Board Member and 2012 Gala Chair, **Carol Meta Stretch** (left) with Board President, **Kati Chupa** (center) present a crystal heart to CEO and President, **Donna C. Pressma** (right) to mark Pressma’s years of service to the organization and her dedication to children.*