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The Children's Home Society of New Jersey Awarded \$12,000 Grant by AT&T in Support of Trenton High School Leadership and Community Service Project

Trenton, NJ (October 23, 2014) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSofNJ) is proud to have been awarded a \$12,000 grant from AT&T in support of its Trenton High School Leadership and Community Service Project. The project is designed to train a group of high school students to tutor and mentor younger students to enhance their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). In addition to the obvious benefits to younger students, Peer Leaders simultaneously develop leadership skills and learn to recognize the importance of personal responsibility and commitment.

The Trenton High School Leadership and Community Service Project is part of CHSofNJ's Kids Intervention with Kids in School (KIKS) Positive Impact program, which is a school-based youth development and primary prevention program. The KIKS model focuses on the "root causes" of self-destructive adolescent behaviors and works with young people to build confidence, communication, decision making and appropriate conflict resolution skills. KIKS helps students develop and enhance life skills so that their adolescent experiences can be more positive, productive and peaceful. Students practice these skills throughout the school year to help themselves and their peers prevent high-risk behaviors.

"This program keeps our children engaged as they reach high school by offering them a structured, goal-oriented experience that will prepare them for adulthood," said Louise McCants Shabazz, CHSofNJ's Program Director for their 21st Century Community Learning Center Positive Impact Programs. She continued, "We are able to communicate directly with our students' counselors to ensure that they are taking the steps to reach goals they have set for themselves. If a student wants to be a nurse one day, we can ensure they take the necessary courses to prepare for that area of study in college."

Since 1894, CHSofNJ has been saving children's lives and building healthy families. This program is just one of the 54 unique programs and services the agency offers to fulfill that mission.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by insuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

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