The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey Honors Fathers and Father Figures at their Faces of Fatherhood Photo Gallery Exhibit

Trenton, NJ (June 18, 2014) – The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey hosted their 2nd annual Faces of Fatherhood photo gallery exhibit at their South Ward Family Success Center (SWFSC), located within the historic Roebling Market at 635 South Clinton Avenue in Trenton. The exhibit was on display from June 13 - June 18, and was created as a way to honor active fathers and father figures in our community and in the lives of our children in the City of Trenton. The opening remarks were made by keynote speaker Frank Cirillo, Director of the Mercer County Board of Social Services. A quartet of young children from Foundation Academy entertained the crowd with the sounds of violins, cellos and pianos throughout the evening, and Recordando Mi Tierra, a Costa Rican Folkloric Dance Troop performed authentic Costa Rican dances in traditional costume.

CHSoNJ clients, staff, community partners and friends were asked to submit photos of their important father figures, which were proudly displayed for the event and transformed our headquarters into an art gallery. During the weeks leading up to the event, families were also given the opportunity to visit our Family Success Centers to have their father pictures taken at no cost. Community members were then invited inside the SWFSC to view the gallery beginning June 13th, which featured fathers, grandfathers,
uncles, brothers and friends, all of whom have made a difference in a child’s life. Following the exhibit, the portraits were given to each of the families whose photos were on display.

“We want to honor father figures who have embraced this important role. We value the role men play in our community and we want to show the positive things that happen in our community when fathers and father-figures get involved,” said Arleen Jacoby, CHSofNJ’s North and South Ward Family Success Center Supervisor. “It is so important for children to have the support and positive interactions that come from an involved father figure, and CHSofNJ truly celebrates men who have chosen to play an active role in a child’s life.”

About the CHSofNJ South Ward Family Success Center
CHSofNJ’s South Ward Family Success Center (SWFSC) is located at 635 S. Clinton Avenue in Trenton. The SWFSC is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and on Wednesday from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Services available to participants include fatherhood enrichment programs, parental support groups, job readiness and life skills education, parent child and parent education activities, concrete goods donations, and much more! For more information, call 609-695-6274 or visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About the CHSofNJ North Ward Family Success Center
CHSofNJ’s North Ward Family Success Center (NWFSC) is located at 1554 Princeton Avenue Trenton. The NWFSC is open Monday from 9:00AM – 8:00PM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00AM – 7:00PM, and Friday from 9:00AM – 5:00PM. Services available to participants include fatherhood enrichment programs, parental support groups, job readiness and life skills education, parent child and parent education activities, concrete goods donations, and much more! For more information, call 609-393-2980 or visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About the Children’s Home Society of New Jersey
The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey is a not-for-profit child and family service 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 ensuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey website at www.chsofnj.org.

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