AT&T AND CHSofNJ HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

Our caring friends at AT&T have awarded a $12,000 grant in support of CHSofNJ’s Trenton High School Leadership and Community Service Project. The project is designed to train a group of our high school “Go Getter Peer Leaders” students to tutor and mentor younger students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). In addition to the benefits to younger students enrolled in our 21st Century and Kids Intervention with Kids in School (KIKS) programs, our Peer Leaders will simultaneously develop leadership skills and learn to recognize the importance of personal responsibility and commitment.

“This program keeps our 21st Century and KIKS students engaged as they reach high school by offering them a structured, goal-oriented experience that will prepare them for adulthood,” said Louise McCants Shabazz, Program Director for our 21st Century Community Learning Center Positive Impact Program.

The Trenton High School Leadership and Community Service Project is part of CHSofNJ’s KIKS Positive Impact program, a school-based youth development and prevention program. Our 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. Students practice these skills throughout the school year to help themselves and their peers prevent high-risk behaviors. AT&T’s outstanding support continues to enable the success of this multi-faceted program, and helps students develop skills to lead more positive and productive lives.

A WARM WELCOME FOR OUR NEWEST STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

This past September, we proudly welcomed 372 children and their families to CHSofNJ’s Head Start/Early Head Start Programs! As of 2014, our agency is the sole-provider of Head Start services in Trenton, and our caring and experienced teachers and staff are dedicated to ensuring that our children receive the quality education they deserve. Needless to say, we were all very excited for the programs’ opening day!

CHSofNJ has successfully provided Early Head Start Home-Based services for eligible families in Trenton for the past four years, and we are thrilled to now offer Center-Based services as well. (see “Welcome” on page 3)

Students eagerly await the start of their first day of CHSofNJ Head Start/Early Head Start Center-Based classes to begin.
We are very excited to welcome **Sari Workman** to CHSofNJ as new Executive Director of our **Head Start/Early Head Start** services in Trenton. Sari brings more than 20 years of experience in early education, and her impressive work experience includes Head Start Center Director of Acelero Learning Monmouth/Middlesex County and Head Start Director of Community Development Institute Head Start (serving Middlesex County, NJ).

Prior to Sari’s appointment at CHSofNJ, she was a valued consultant to our programs. Her extensive knowledge of Head Start, and her remarkable insight into the children and families who participate in our program made Sari a welcomed leader for our Head Start/Early Head Start program. We look forward to working with Sari to further develop this important program that serves nearly 400 children yearly, and we are proud to partner with her to save children’s lives and build healthy families in Trenton.

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**INTRODUCING OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START SERVICES IN TRENTON**

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**PARTNERING WITH THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA**

Thanks to the creativity and leadership of three **Pompton Lakes High School** students, dozens of CHSofNJ children will have an extra special birthday this year! **Charlotte Yates, Jesanna Williams** and **Katie Andrews** of their school’s **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club** developed a community service project to help our children, while demonstrating the importance of empathy and compassion to children enrolled in the **Pompton Speech Plus** therapy program in Pequannock, NJ.

The girls reached out to **Pamela V. Cipriano**, our Director of Corporate Development and Volunteerism, with their exciting idea, and she quickly identified CHSofNJ children most in need of their creative gifts. Together, Charlotte, Jesanna, Katie and nearly 70 Pompton Speech Plus students assembled “Party in a Box” gifts for at-risk children to receive on their birthdays. Each box was personalized based on a “Birthday Buddies Friendship Survey,” which the girls created to identify ages, interests, and any potential allergy concerns. The girls and the Pompton Speech Plus students then packed each box to the brim with fun treats such as balloons, streamers, cake mix, icing and birthday gifts!

Charlotte, Jesanna and Katie were able to help children with social deficits such as Attention Deficit Disorder and Autism further develop their social skills while giving our at-risk children a chance to celebrate a birthday that may otherwise have passed with little to no fanfare. Every child deserves a birthday celebration, and thanks to these young business women, our community’s most vulnerable children will be able to experience that joy on their birthday this year.

The girls will represent the Pompton Lakes High School FBLA Club at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago this June, and we wish them the best of luck as they present their inspired project to the nation!
IN REMEMBERANCE OF A TRUE HERO

She was, above all, a caring and beautiful person. Beyond her dedication to the children we serve, Pat valued those she worked with, and never failed to express this. Whether through a kind word, a shared laugh, or a beautiful bouquet to brighten a difficult day, Pat always knew when her support was needed. She cared about her staff and colleagues personally, while still expecting, and receiving, great work from them. Her commitment, understanding nature and sense of humor gained her the respect and friendship of her staff and colleagues.

Pat was a trail-blazer, well ahead of her time in her ideas and insight, and thankfully, firm in her convictions; she spearheaded our Intensive Services Program, and she alone drove the integration of Kinship services to this agency. Her ability to recognize the needs of our families was truly extraordinary. CHSofNJ simply could not be the child welfare agency that it is today, were it not for Pat’s input and guidance. We will forever be indebted to her for bringing these important services to our families.

Pat was a devoted daughter, sister and friend, and those whose lives she touched were equally devoted to her. She always wanted what was best for CHSofNJ, and was an unwavering advocate for the children and families we serve, as well as the family, friends, staff and colleagues she leaves behind. Her loss is one that continues to be felt by many.

Patricia Nardone, born January 6, 1947, was laid to rest on October 5, 2014, having lived a life dedicated to the support and advocacy of at-risk children.

WELCOME (cont. from page 1)

“We believe that Trenton children are capable of greatness, and we are proud to provide these services to help them reach their full potential,” said CHSofNJ President and CEO Donna C. Pressma. Both CHSofNJ and Head Start believe that parents are their child’s first and best teachers, so staff and parents work together to provide the education and support needed for each child to succeed from the moment they enroll.

As part of their warm welcome on opening day, children chose from over 400 book bags filled with everything they might need to start the school year. CHSofNJ Trustees Kati Chupa, Tim Ryan, James Graham and Cordelia Staton helped hand out book bags at each of our centers and were able to see firsthand the excitement on our children’s faces as they chose from bags featuring Transformers, Mickey Mouse, and many other beloved characters. These gifts were made possible through the generosity of our Board of Trustees and our caring donors.

In collaboration with the Trenton Board of Education Office of Early Childhood Education, CHSofNJ promotes school readiness for children by providing comprehensive educational, health, nutritional, and social services. Our Early Head Start Program is offered in both center-based and home-based environments, and is designed to enhance children’s social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development, assist pregnant women with prenatal and post-natal care, support parents efforts to fulfill their parental roles, and assist parents in moving toward self-sufficiency.
GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR OUR CHILDREN

On your mark, get set, go! CHSoNJ is proud to have partnered with the Trenton Half Marathon & 10K Race this past November to raise critical funds for the children and families we serve. Our agency was chosen as one of the event’s charity partners, and through the efforts of our caring CHSoNJ Trenton Half Marathon Team, we were able to raise over $12,000!

Pamela V. Cipriano, CHSoNJ’s Director of Corporate Development and Volunteerism, worked tirelessly to coordinate this exciting new partnership, and quickly recruited runners for our team, as well as runner sponsorships from Novo Nordisk and Roma Bank Foundation!

Avid runners, beginners, and everyone in between were invited to race with us for the Half Marathon (13.1 miles) or the 10K (6.2 miles) throughout Trenton and over the Delaware River into Pennsylvania. And the thought of running to save local children’s lives may have been the inspiration behind the extra speed of some of our Trustees: Burt Sutker and Rev. Patti Daley both placed first in their 10K race brackets, and Dr. Rosalind H. Doctor, Ph.D. placed third in her Half Marathon bracket! All of our runners raved about how much they enjoyed running for CHSoNJ. It truly was a wonderful experience and we are so grateful to the Trenton Half Marathon and 10K Race for including us.

CHSoNJ’s Trenton Half Marathon & 10K Race team.

COMMISSIONER ALISON BLAKE JOINS OUR CHILDREN FOR STORY TIME

Commissioner, Family and Community Partnerships, Charmaine Thomas, as they visited the CHSoNJ Head Start/Early Head Start center on Bellevue Avenue to read to children and meet with our staff and parent volunteers.

Dr. Blake and her staff are strong supporters of efforts to strengthen families and promote school readiness for children of low-income families through comprehensive early education, health, nutrition and social services. Volunteering for our Head Start/Early Head Start Programs gave the Commissioner the opportunity to participate in a cause about which she is truly passionate. “Early education programs like Early Head Start and Head Start provide children a significant advantage,” said Commissioner Blake. She continued, “Here at The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey, children are being prepared for their first day of school. This is a wonderful educational opportunity that not only leads to improved academic achievement, but helps children go on to lead successful lives.”

Commissioner Blake joins CHSoNJ Head Start students for story time.

2014 marked New Jersey’s fourth annual Season of Service, a time when leaders of NJ State Departments volunteer their time to various community service efforts throughout the state. CHSoNJ was honored to host New Jersey Department of Children and Families Commissioner Allison Blake, Ph.D., and Assistant Commissioner Blake joins CHSoNJ Head Start students for story time.
By the time he was 13, Jack* had become good at convincing everyone that the shouting, crying and fighting in his house didn’t bother him; that he could easily tune out. But alone in his room at night, Jack would admit to himself that these were problems he could not ignore.

Jack’s parents struggled with alcohol and drugs throughout their lives. Their dependency often led to heated arguments, physical abuse, and serious neglect of their son. Jack witnessed his parents hitting each other regularly, which weighed heavily on him as an impressionable teen. He was constantly distracted, which caused his grades to suffer, and he was prone to aggressive outbursts at school, which made making friends impossible. In the midst of this chaos, Jack was removed from his home and placed in the care of his aunt and uncle. He was referred to CHSofNJ for counseling, and his aunt, uncle and three cousins joined him for kinship support groups and family conferences at our *GrandFamily Success Center.*

Jack’s aunt and uncle loved him very much, and treated him as if he were one of their own children. And although Jack felt happy and safe, he always held on to hope that he would be returned to his parents’ care. Like so many children in kinship or foster care, Jack felt a sense of loyalty to his birth parents and wanted so desperately for them to choose him over their addictions. So naturally, Jack was heartbroken each time there was another excuse that caused them to be late, or to miss their scheduled visit with him completely. His aunt and uncle stopped telling Jack about expected visits, because they couldn’t stand to see the pain in his face when his birth parents failed to show up as planned.

For two years, Jack’s CHSofNJ clinical social worker helped him deal with his anger, confusion and sadness. He learned that substance abuse and addiction are powerful diseases that can affect every aspect of a person’s life, including parenting, regardless of how much a parent loves a child.

Jack learned that his parents’ addictions were controlling their lives, and that he was not to blame for their issues. He learned how to express his own emotions more appropriately and effectively, and that families come in all shapes and sizes; just because his birth mother and father were unable to raise him, it didn’t mean that Jack couldn’t still have the loving family he longed for with his aunt, uncle and cousins. Jack and his counselor discussed in detail the effects addiction and domestic violence have on a child, and Jack realized that he deserved a safe, healthy, loving home—much like the home his aunt and uncle had so warmly welcomed him into. Jack confessed that this realization led to a greater appreciation of his kinship family, and enabled him to better care for himself because he was now able to recognize his own self-worth.

Jack had an extraordinary support network of extended family and CHSofNJ friends lining up to help him face his issues. His adoptive family offered patience, love and endless support as Jack worked through the hurt, and our caring and skilled counselors helped Jack understand his feelings and become his best self. And we are proud to report that today, Jack is a happy, healthy, well-adjusted 15 year old living the teenage dream: Jack does well in school, plays on his high school’s junior varsity football team, enjoys spending time with his friends, and knows that he has the love and support of his aunt, uncle, cousins, and CHSofNJ.

*Names and identifying details of this family have been changed in order to protect their privacy, in accordance with our agency’s stringent confidentiality policy.*
We are proud to welcome a longtime friend and supporter to CHSofNJ’s devoted Board of Trustees: **Roy W. Hudson**.

In 2014, Mr. Hudson retired from Prudential Insurance Company following an impressive 60-year tenure. He served many years as an agent, later transitioning to Agency Manager for Mercer, Somerset Hunterdon and Bucks Counties, a role he held for 18 years.

Before her passing in 2014, Mr. Hudson’s late wife Lorraine was an active member of CHSofNJ’s Bucks County Auxiliary, and the couple never missed an opportunity to support our agency’s special events.

Because of his ongoing commitment to helping and protecting children, Mr. Hudson was excited to join our distinguished Board of Trustees.

Mr. Hudson, a Princeton resident, is dedicated to addressing issues that impact our community’s children. Since his appointment in October 2014, he has proven to be a valued addition to our Board, helping ensure we continue to meet our clients’ ever-evolving needs.

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The **Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey (GSCSNJ)** have awarded their highest honor to local Girl Scout **Jessica Allen** of Troop 70411: the Gold Award! Jessica dedicated tremendous time and effort to her Take Action Project, “Much Needed Relief – Stress Management within Family Social Services.” Under the supervision of **Sheryl A. Roach**, our Director of Quality Assurance and Professional Development, and consultation with **Susan Paul**, our Director of Clinical and Behavioral Health, Jessica developed a project that enables children to communicate their traumatic experiences through play therapy.

Jessica lovingly crafted a therapeutic doll house with remarkable attention to detail for our young clients. The doll house, which features a variety of dolls to represent the diverse populations we serve, gives traumatized children a way to communicate their thoughts and feelings when they struggle to find the words to do so. Jessica also wanted to address the high stress levels of social service employees, so she raised money to purchase CHSofNJ branded stress relief balls and journals, which are distributed at our new hire orientations. “Jessica’s project enabled us to add Stress Management as a core component of our agency’s New Hire Orientation program, and helped us provide new employees with tools to help manage the inevitable stress of their jobs,” said Sheryl A. Roach.

These thoughtful donations greatly impact our staff and clientele, but Jessica didn’t stop there! She collected baby supplies for our pregnant and newly parenting clients to help provide for the basic needs of their infants, thereby helping them feel better prepared and far less stressed than they might have been without Jessica’s help.

Jessica is an outstanding role-model for our community’s youth, and we are so proud to partner with her in saving children’s lives and building healthy families. She is now a member of an elite group of Girl Scouts who have worked hard to make the world a better place. We could not be more thrilled to see her receive this honor.

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Jessica poses with the beautiful dollhouse she created for CHSofNJ.
GOLFING FOR A GREAT CAUSE

The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Greater Philadelphia (NAIFA-GP) hosted their 25th Annual Charity Golf Outing this past September, which raised $10,560 for CHSoNJ! This year marked the 10th time NAIFA-GP has named CHSoNJ as charity recipient of this fun day on the greens, and nearly 70 golfers stepped up for a little friendly competition and a chance to make a difference in a child’s life. “The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey does such important work for the children of our community, and our Committee is proud to partner with them for children in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania,” said Archie Foor of NAIFA-GP’s Golf Committee.

We are honored to partner with NAIFA-GP again on November 16, 2015 for golf, food, drinks and prizes at the picturesque Northampton Valley Country Club in Richboro, PA! As always, all proceeds from the event will sustain and strengthen CHSoNJ’s critical programs and services.

FORMER NFL RUNNING BACK JARRETT PAYTON SHARES HIS STORY

Midland National Life Insurance Company. Jarrett, the son of the late NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton, is a radio host, businessman, philanthropist, motivational speaker, and devoted husband and father committed to positively impacting the lives of children and adolescents. CHSoNJ was honored to welcome him to share his inspirational life story, which emphasizes the importance of sports, education and character. We spent hours talking with Jarrett, and it is clear that he is a remarkable, caring leader and role-model for our nation’s children.

All proceeds from this December 2014 event directly benefitted our programs and services throughout New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, and we thank Midland National Life Insurance Company and Jarrett Payton for caring about the children and families we serve.

Students from CHSoNJ’s TEDI program met with Jarrett Payton at an inspirational ‘Meet & Greet’ event. (left to right) Shomari Hollis, Jarrett Payton, George Rios & Messiah Cook.

Former NFL Running Back Jarrett Payton met with three of our TEDI Celebration team students and over two dozen guests at an exclusive ‘Meet & Greet’ event in Princeton, made possible through the generosity of
THE IMPORTANCE OF GRANDPARENTS AND EXTENDED FAMILY IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY


The conference, presented entirely in Spanish at our South Ward Family Success Center (SWFSC) in Trenton, NJ featured a riveting presentation by Keynote Speaker Dr. Harold Fernandez, M.D., who shared the story of his personal emigration to the United States, his academic accomplishments at both Princeton and Harvard Universities, and his contributions to critical medical advancements in the field of cardiology, vascular biology, and molecular genetics. Dr. Fernandez also discussed his book, Undocumented, which sparked nationwide media attention following its release in 2012.

In addition to the engaging dialogue and workshops throughout the day, attendees learned about resources available to them from a variety of local community partners.

Maritza I. Raimundi-Petroski, CHSofNJ’s Director of Maternal/Child Health, Family and Community Support Services, expressed her heartfelt feelings, stating, “It truly is an honor to be a part of the strong Latino community here in Trenton, and we are proud to celebrate the community’s dedication to their children and families.” CHSofNJ Trustee Eva Alicea Roman, who co-sponsored the event, echoed Maritza’s thoughts when she said, “I am proud to be a part of this important conference, which celebrates our heritage and reminds us that we are a strong, connected community that comes together to ensure the best for our children.”

RED ROSE DAY RAISES $10,100 FOR OUR BABIES AND CHILDREN

This year’s Red Rose Day flower sale has raised over $10,000 for the at-risk babies and children we serve throughout New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania with the help of some wonderful volunteers and community partners. Employee volunteers from Kohl’s Princeton, Kohl’s Hamilton, and Bloomberg arranged bouquets, organized pre-sale orders, and sold flowers at sales locations throughout the area for CHSofNJ’s 9th Annual Red Rose Day on March 25th, 2015.

If you or your employer is interested in learning more about CHSofNJ’s Red Rose Day, or how your office can become a pre-order or point-of-sale location for next year’s event, contact Denise Wentzler at 609-695-6274 x153 or dwentzler@chsofnj.org.
CELEBRATING FATHERS

CHSofNJ holds committed fathers in extremely high regard, and we are proud to recognize them often throughout the year. This past November, our South Ward Family Success Center partnered with UIH Family Partners and Fathers & Men United for a Better Trenton to host our 2nd Annual Father/Daughter Dance, which proved more popular than we could ever have imagined! Over 20 caring Trenton agencies came together to create a beautiful evening for the 105 fathers and 150 daughters in attendance. The free event encouraged and celebrated active, involved fathers and father-figures within our community. Grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends and mentors escorted the special young ladies of their lives to what was truly a night to remember. “We are thrilled by the outpouring of support for this event,” said Nichelle Hill, CHSofNJ Family Success Center Community Partner Specialist. Hill, who led the coordination of this event, continued, “We see at CHSofNJ how committed these men are to their children, and we are proud to honor them.”

CHSofNJ was privileged to also host the New Jersey Head Start/Early Head Start Fatherhood Conference this past October, which featured Mr. Perry Shaw, III, Executive Director of A Better Way (Trenton, NJ) as Keynote Speaker, and special guests Mr. Thabiti Boone, President Obama White House Champion of Change for Fatherhood and Ms. Barbara Andrews, Lead Program Liaison Specialist for the Administration for Children and Families.

RECOGNIZING TALENT AND HARD WORK

Danielle Cristofano passed her Clinical Licensure test to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Kellie Boyle passed her registration exam to become a registered dietitian!

Shahera Hutchinson has successfully completed the training and examination process to become a Certified Infant Massage Instructor from both the International Association of Infant Massage and the Infant Massage US Chapter.

CHSofNJ Child Summary Writer Melissa Miller was honored as a “Champion for Children” at a recent Kean University event sponsored by Family and Children’s Services. Melissa’s nomination came from the DCP&P Union County West Local Office.

Christina China, Asia Martin and Lydia Colon of the Ocean County Family Success Center have each successfully completed Disaster and Trauma Training through the Disaster and Terrorism Branch of the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services focusing on Trauma. The training was sponsored by the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Enhanced Sandy Relief Expansion through the Division of Family and Community Partners.

CHSofNJ’s Head Start/Early Head Start Program Fathers Improving Together (F.I.T.) Program Coordinator Brenda Williams-Holmes said, “CHSofNJ firmly believes that involved father-figures are critical in the life of a child, and we are so proud to offer this wonderful learning opportunity to the dedicated fathers and father-figures of New Jersey.”

These events provide CHSofNJ and our many community partners an opportunity to honor the dedicated men of Trenton who not only recognize the importance of positive male role models, but who are committed to filling that role. We will continue to create positive experiences for fathers and children of our community to celebrate their loving bonds, because we understand the importance of their relationships.
We may petition Webster's Dictionary to change the definition of the word committed; it's simply not complete without the names of our Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI) Celebration team!

TEDI encourages 5th grade students in Trenton to reach for their dreams and become their best selves. And it is not uncommon for our students to be so inspired and dedicated to the program that they audition for our exclusive Celebration team once they have graduated from TEDI. Celebration gives Trenton youth a chance to continue dancing, growing and learning through this advanced program for students up to grade 10, and there is never a shortage of students signing up for the extended commitment.

Typically, TEDI’s Celebration season begins in January, and includes weekly rehearsals and 5-10 performances. But this year, our team took it up a notch. Their unofficial season began in June, immediately following the close of last year’s season! The Celebration team practiced weekly to prepare for new and exciting events; in August, they were invited to perform at the 2014 NJ Youth Conference hosted by the NJ Children’s System of Care Training and Technical Assistance Program Behavioral Research and Training Institute of Rutgers Behavioral Research Institution and Training Center. There, our Celebration students opened the conference with a dynamic performance, taught a Master Class, and attended a variety of self-improvement and empowerment workshops geared toward teens.

The team continued to practice weekly to prepare for their next big gig: the 2nd Annual TEDI Fall Fundraiser at Grounds For Sculpture in November. Through the vision of Pamela V. Cipriano, CHSofNJ’s Director of Corporate Development and Volunteerism, the program’s supporters came together to enjoy a wonderful evening that featured the region’s top restaurants and establishments, and showcased our dedicated TEDI Celebration dancers.

Weekly practices ensued, and the Celebration team was invited to teach a Master Class alongside another youth dance group, Inner City Ensemble (ICE), which also happens to be led by TEDI’s talented Artistic Director, Julliard graduate, and Fulbright Scholar Nicholas Rodriguez. The two groups worked together at Paterson Youth Arts Day, hosted by Passaic County Community College to show area youth the amazing things they can accomplish through hard work and dedication. (See “Definition” on page 11)
CHSofNJ is proud to have been awarded a Community Connection Partnership Grant by our caring friends at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.! (Left to right) Wells Fargo Bank Area President James Newson, CHSofNJ Trustee Cordelia Staton, Pennington Branch Service Manager Denise DeLeon and Brunswick Store Manager Sal Khan. Thank you, Wells Fargo!

TEDI Coordinator, Yolanda Drislane.

The Celebration team has given countless hours, and dedicated immeasurable energy to TEDI. They balance school, home, friends, sports, work, TEDI classes and TEDI performances. And to watch our students dance, you would never know that sometimes they are tired, or sick, or even injured; they say love makes you do crazy things, and our students truly love TEDI.
A FESTIVE TRADITION

2014 marked the 51st year CHSoNJ’s Trenton Auxiliary has hosted Brunch with Santa. The event has become a beloved holiday tradition for so many local families, and never fails to get everyone into the holiday spirit! Children shared their holiday wishes with Santa and posed for a keepsake photo, played games, created holiday crafts, and watched an original Christmas play performed by the lovely ladies of our Auxiliary.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE TRUE MEANING OF THE HOLIDAYS

The warm smiles on our children’s faces mirrored the joy in their hearts as they unwrapped toys, tried on new clothing, and thanks to the generosity of friends like you, felt hopeful for their futures. We are so grateful to each of you for your support, and for caring about the babies, children and youth we serve. Your kindness is truly appreciated by our staff and Board, and by the children whose lives you have touched.

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The Board and staff of CHSofNJ invite you to join us in celebrating 121 years of caring for NJ & PA children! “CHSofNJ has done incredible things for the at-risk children of our community for the past 121 years,” said Event Chair Jenn Pizi. She continued, “I am proud to be a part of this caring agency, and to recognize its many accomplishments through this event.”

The event will be held at Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ on Sunday, May 17, 2015. This year, we honor NJM Insurance Group as our “Champion of Children,” for their years of dedication and caring support of children and families.

Preview our silent auction at bidpal.net/chsofnjgala, and don’t forget to purchase your 50/50 raffle tickets! You could be one of three lucky winners splitting 50% of raffle proceeds.

To reserve tickets or learn other ways you can participate in this event, please contact Denise Wentzler at 609-695-6274 x. 153 or dwentzler@chsofnj.org.