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## The Children's Home Society of New Jersey Celebrates 121 Years of Saving Children's Lives and Building Healthy Families



*The Children's Home Society of New Jersey President & CEO Donna C. Pressma presents CHSoF NJ's 2015 "Champion of Children" award to Michael Van Wagner, Vice President of Public Affairs at NJM Insurance Group, in recognition of the company's ongoing dedication to its community, children and families.*

**Trenton, NJ (July 8, 2015)** – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSoF NJ) proudly celebrated 121 years of saving children's lives and building healthy families at their annual Board-hosted Gala. The May event, chaired by Trustee Jennifer Pizi, was held at Grounds for Sculpture (Hamilton, NJ) and raised over \$85,000 to support and enhance the life-saving programs and services the agency provides to at-risk babies, children and families throughout New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.

Trustee Cordelia Staton served as the evening's charismatic emcee, and her charm perfectly complemented that of Auctioneer Chris Wise of Rago Auctions (Lambertville, NJ). Together, they created a fun and lively atmosphere that guests truly enjoyed.

NJM Insurance Group was honored as CHSofNJ's 2015 "Champion of Children" for its continued support and outstanding commitment to the community, children and families. Since 1992, NJM has contributed funding to CHSofNJ's critical programs and services, and helped make meaningful differences in countless young lives. CHSofNJ President & CEO Donna C. Pressma was pleased to present the award to Mike Van Wagner, NJM Insurance Group's Vice President of Public Affairs, who graciously accepted on behalf of the company.

"NJM has been actively supporting the efforts of the society for decades," Van Wagner said. "We applaud the goal of helping thousands of children and families to be happy, healthy and successful."

Entertainment during the cocktail hour was provided by My Divine Music, and DJ Rock 'N Ron set the mood for the dinner and program portion of the event as guests enjoyed catering by Rat's Restaurant. Audio/Video services were provided by Bill Drummer of BD Video, and celebratory moments were captured through the eyes of photographers Jamie Escarpeta and Dierdra Ryan of Escarpeta PhotoGraphics. Floral centerpieces were assembled by the talented team at SocialLife, and a dedicated team of volunteers from local businesses and organizations helped ensure a perfect evening.

CHSofNJ is so proud of the work it does to better the lives of the at-risk babies, children and families of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, and thanks everyone who has helped over the past 121 years. Whether it was through a charitable donation, an event ticket purchase, volunteer hours, or simply sharing information about the agency with friends and family, CHSofNJ thanks *you* for helping in its mission of saving children's lives and building healthy families!

#### **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 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 our website at [www.chsofnj.org](http://www.chsofnj.org).

#### **About NJM**

NJM began operations in 1913 in an office on East State Street in the state capital in Trenton. Its headquarters are now located on a 100-acre campus in nearby Ewing Township. Over the years, NJM has grown to become New Jersey's largest property/casualty insurance provider and is one of Mercer County's largest private employers. For more information, visit [www.njm.com](http://www.njm.com).

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