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Former NFL Running Back Jarrett Payton Visits The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey to Deliver his Powerfully Inspiring Message to Trenton Youth

Trenton, NJ (March 10, 2015) – The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey (CHSofNJ) and Midland National Life Insurance Company welcomed former National Football League (NFL) and Canadian Football League (CFL) running back Jarrett Payton to share his inspirational life story with CHSofNJ children, supporters and friends. Mr. Payton arrived at CHSofNJ’s central administration building in Trenton with Michael P. Kelly and Bill Zywiciel of Midland National Life Insurance Company, where he met with CHSofNJ President and CEO Donna C. Pressma and staff to learn about the impact CHSofNJ has been making in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania for over 120 years. Mr. Payton also visited Joyce Kilmer Middle School, where Louise McCants Shabazz, Program Director of CHSofNJ’s 21st Century Community Learning Center Positive Impact Program, introduced him to students enrolled in the after school program. Mr. Payton listened as students spoke with passion and excitement about their interests, and offered his encouragement that they pursue their passions and work hard in and out of school to ensure success.
Later that evening at a fundraiser at the Johnson Education Center of D&R Greenway Land Trust in Princeton, Mr. Payton met with friends and fans for conversation, photos, and autographs. Following the casual meet & greet, Jarrett shared life lessons learned from his famous father that helped him achieve athletic greatness and taught him the importance of humbly engaging in meaningful community service. Through the personal stories of his own childhood, Jarrett passed along those teachings and his own beliefs about the importance of the Four Ps that lead to achieving greatness; persistence, passion, practice and presence.

Payton’s ability to relate to individuals of all ages, but particularly to connect with youth, is a spark that seeks to empower others to rise to their own greatness. He inspires dreams to become realities through the Four Ps, and offers the encouragement for everyone to pursue their personal goals for success.

**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 Midland National Life Insurance Company**
Midland National is one of the leading insurance companies in the U.S. Throughout the company’s history, Midland National has enjoyed steady growth, stability, and industry success. As a provider of financial stability, an essential part of continuing our enduring history is our broad product portfolio of life insurance and fixed annuities designed to fit individual needs. The basis of our strength comes from our focus on long-term, sustained growth, coupled with the outstanding achievements of our agents, distribution partners and employees. We have an obligation to earn the trust of all of those who depend on us for their financial security and that obligation motivates us every day.

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