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Soldiers & Families of Joint Base MDL, Muslims for Peace, Inc., and Stand with Dignity to Host Holiday Party for At-Risk Children of The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

Trenton, NJ (December 6, 2017) – The soldiers and families of Joint Base Maguire-Dix-Lakehurst, Muslims for Peace, Inc., and Stand with Dignity will host a holiday party for children served by The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSoF NJ) on **Thursday, December 7 at 5:30pm**. Founded in 1894, CHSoF NJ is a non-profit organization that has been dedicated to saving children's lives and building healthy families for more than 120 years through services such as foster care, adoption, counseling, prenatal and parenting education programs, and more.

This party is packed with fun and festivities to create special moments that children all should enjoy during Christmas. The party's co-sponsors have planned and coordinated every detail of the party in advance to ensure the children in attendance can celebrate the holiday in a fun and safe way while enjoying delicious food and desserts. Each child will also receive lovely wrapped presents along with a gift card, which they can take home and open on Christmas morning.

Inspired by the Islamic tradition of unconditional love and generosity towards the less fortunate, Muslim communities have long been welcoming underprivileged children and families of all faiths. The Muslim community in Central Jersey recognizes the need to give back to those who need it most. As it says in the Holy Qur'an [Chapter 2, verse 215]: "They ask you as to what they should spend. Say: Whatever wealth you spend, it is for the parents and the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, and whatever good you do, God surely knows it."

Irshad Haji, Program Director, said "Charity begins at home. As individuals, we are all connected, either as brothers (or sisters) in faith or equals in humanity. It is our obligation to help those less fortunate especially when they are our neighbors. The Holy Prophet has said *That man is not from me who sleeps contentedly whilst his neighbor sleeps hungry*. In New Jersey we have an estimated 1 million people living in poverty all of whom deserve food, shelter, and clothing. As our declaration of independence states, *all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness*. Let us all do our part to help those less fortunate and guarantee their unalienable rights as we celebrate the birth of Jesus."

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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.

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