

## Our valued partners

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Mebr Cox, VP Business Dev. and Susan Hoff, former CCG CEO, with Kent Eastman, UW Campaign Chair, Capital One Bank

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## ChildCareGroup highlights

- ☞ The 12th Annual ChildCareGroup Tea, held at The Fairmont Dallas, was attended by more than 600 guests and raised approximately \$130,000. Babar, King of the Elephants, and Queen Celeste were our featured storybook characters.



Tea Co-chairs, Brett Levy and Krista Weinstein with Honorary Grandparent Marilyn Angur (center)



CCG's Born Learning, an early childhood initiative, provides education and training to parents to ensure their children age four and under are better prepared for learning and future school success

- ☞ Children at ChildCareGroup Gene and Jerry Jones Salvation Army Child Development Center received pajamas and new books as part of the 2008 Books at Bedtime Campaign sponsored by First Book-Dallas.

- ☞ The CCG Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) was implemented in 122 public school pre-k, Head Start and child care center classrooms.



David Kirp, Ph.D., a nationally recognized economist and author of "The Sandbox Investment," was the featured speaker of the Early Child Care Summit

- ☞ CCG received the 2008 Award for Excellence in Mission Achievement from the Center for Nonprofit Management.

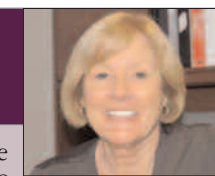
- ☞ CCG received the United Way Best Practices and Tocqueville Giving Awards for its successful 2008 annual campaign, which had a 20% increase in pledges.



Author, Nancy Wolff, read to and presented children with new books over the holidays

- ☞ CCG collaborated with Dallas Afterschool Network and Partners for Children to implement a successful early childhood education summit and child care provider conference attended by almost 400 professionals. Funding was provided by the M.R. and Evelyn Hudson Foundation, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, and the American Business Collaboration.

## ChildCareGroup introduces Interim CEO Betsy Edmondson



Betsy Edmondson was elected by the Board of Trustees to serve as the Interim CEO of ChildCareGroup effective February 23, 2009. She is a well known and well respected educational leader in our community and has a unique combination of education and business skills, both of which are a great asset to the organization.

Betsy served as the Pre-Elementary Division Head for the Episcopal School of Dallas (ESD) from 1993 until 2007. Her accomplishments in this role were many, including: providing leadership in sustaining the mission of ESD; building stellar teaching teams; developing and revising curriculum; and founding an infant and toddler program for staff. She was highly valued and much loved by the faculty, staff, parents, and children of ESD.

Prior to this executive role, Betsy was a classroom teacher in various public and private schools for 19 years. She also worked in real estate and the oil and gas business. Betsy has served as a volunteer for several community organizations, including Big Thought and Mercy Street, and has been an active CCG board member for the past year. She will take a leave of absence from the Board to serve as Interim CEO.

We are lucky to have Betsy's experience, wisdom, community connections, dedication, and leadership through this period of transition.

## Making a difference in the community . . .

- ☞ Child Care Assistance (CCA), recognized in 2008 as the #1 Child Care Subsidy Contractor in Texas by Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, managed subsidized child care for nearly 20,000 low-income children which helped more than 10,000 parents find employment or complete their education.

- ☞ In 2008, all six of our child development centers completed or were in the process of completing requirements for re-accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). CCG centers provided direct care and health screenings to 677 children and their families—59 received special needs assistance.



- ☞ Food and Nutrition Program served approximately 2,000 children in CCG's child development centers and sponsored family child care homes in Dallas and six surrounding counties. 625,000 meals and snacks were provided through the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program.



- ☞ Resource and Referral (R&R) specialists processed nearly 24,000 child care referrals and helped thousands of parents, including corporate employees and military families, locate care for their children in its 42 county service delivery area in North Texas.

- ☞ 63 families in Pleasant Grove and the Dixon Circle community in South Dallas received intensive parent education through the *Born Learning Initiative*, a collaboration between CCG, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, and Dallas corporations.

- ☞ Our Training Department provided education for more than 3,000 child care professionals, impacting over 31,000 children in child care settings across our community.

## ChildCareGroup recognizes foundations and community partners

### 2008 Advocate Award Recipients

"These citizens and organizations have gone above and beyond to ensure that thousands of our community's preschoolers will receive the educational head start in life they deserve," says Roy Vandiver, 2008 Board Chair. "We are proud to honor their investments in young children's lives, improving our entire community's future."

**Donor of the Year:** The M.R. and Evelyn Hudson Foundation for its long history of advocating for the advancement of high quality early childhood education. The Foundation's philosophy is that true philanthropy is based on collaboration, engagement, and partnership to achieve an impact of change.

**Outstanding Community Partners:** Dallas Afterschool Network for acting as an advocate for the power of afterschool time in youth development. Brookhaven Community College Child Development Department's long history of providing the best education and training for child care providers and other early childhood professionals. Dallas ISD Early Childhood Education Department for taking the lead in developing partnerships with Head Start and child care providers to extend high quality pre-kindergarten to more children across the district.

**Early Childhood Advocate:** Texas Association for Infant Mental Health (TAIMH) has addressed infant mental health issues in Texas since 1980. They are dedicated to promoting the healthy emotional development of infants/toddlers, young children, and their families.

**Public Policy Advocate:** State Representative Diane Patrick, Chair of the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood Education and sponsor of House Bill 130 which, if passed, will expand high quality public pre-kindergarten through partnerships between public schools and community child care providers.

**Outstanding Volunteers of the Year:** Brett Levy and Krista Weinstein, co-chairs of the 2008 CCG Friends Tea, who brought new volunteers, donors, and participants to this year's fundraising event benefitting CCG programs and services.

**Media Advocate:** Peter H. Waters, Managing Editor, *The Park Cities News*, for his informative articles publicizing ChildCareGroup's mission to the community.



Roy Vandiver, Past Chair, and Amy Meadows, Hudson Foundation



John Hooser, Hudson Foundation; Monica Rameriz, Dallas ISD; Dr. Jane Rowe, Brookhaven; and Marnie Stone, TAIMH



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Our mission is to promote, deliver, and expand the best child care services available outside the home.



# 2008 Annual Report



ChildCareGroup  
sustains strong fiscal  
management and proactive  
fundraising efforts in  
order to serve the  
increasing number of  
children in need.



Mayor Tom Leppert served as honorary Grand Marshal for ChildCareGroup's annual Week of the Young Child Parade down MLK Boulevard in celebration of the National Week of the Young Child

## Message from the 2009 Board Chair



We could not exist without the support of our funders and community donors, energetic staff, and Board of Trustees. In the last few years we have opened many new doors to an exciting future for the agency and look forward to going even farther in 2009. It will be a difficult year for many, particularly those we serve, and your continued support will be needed more than ever.

Below are a few of the accomplishments that were achieved by our leadership and ChildCareGroup (CCG) as a whole:

- Susan Hoff, our past CEO/President, brought recognition to CCG by being the "go to" source for local, state, and national news media including over 60 hits in newspapers, radio, and TV. We wish her well in her new assignment at United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, but will miss her leadership and initiative.
- CCG was recognized as "Outstanding Contractor for the Child Care Subsidy Program" by Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas.
- Our Center Operations Team partnered with the Dallas ISD to place public Pre-K teachers in three of our classrooms, expanding the educational opportunities for our youngest learners.
- CCG's IT Team deployed the Family Services Workflow System that helps us and other like agencies to improve customer service and efficiency. Leonard Gallion, VP of IT, developed the program and is now busy creating a new revenue stream by training other agencies to use this system.
- CCG's Resource and Referral was awarded a highly prized grant by the Center for Nonprofit Management to develop a new on-line child care resource and referral program. When complete and in use, this program will make it very easy for parents to search, research, and interact with thousands of child care providers and educators with a potential national application and a strong income stream for CCG.

Beyond these significant highlights, thousands of parents were grateful that we were able to place their child/ren in care and that their child/ren received hugs, smiles, and love every day from our staff. Thanks again to all of you who helped make it possible for us to do our job.

Dan Mahoney, Board of Trustees Chair

## For the love of children



IBM's KidSmart program provides access to Young Explorer computer learning centers for children at CCG's child development centers



Children at MLK CCG Center celebrate Juneteenth



FedEx employees give a Day of Caring to make repairs to a playground at one of CCG's Centers



Carolyn Young (left), a teacher at Anderson CCG Center for 35 years, was the recipient of the Sonya Bemporad Excellence in Child Care Award, presented by Gail Surlis, Director of Center Operations

## Because of you . . . ChildCareGroup was able to help more than 25,000 low-income children and their families in 2008!

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