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ChildCareGroup recognizes Foundations and Community Partners

Advocates honored for their outstanding support and service

ChildCareGroup recognized foundations and community partners that have committed their time, resources and talents toward furthering the non-profit's cause. Each individual and organization honored has made exemplary efforts to improve the quality of education for young children in Dallas County. The Advocate Awards were presented at the ChildCareGroup Board of Trustees Annual Meeting held at United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Headquarters, located at 1800 North Lamar in Dallas.

The Meadows Foundation was recognized as ChildCareGroup Donor of the Year. These funds will provide much needed training support and opportunities to improve caregiver education, greatly enhancing services for children and families in close to 3,000 facilities across North Texas.

Tina Foster, News Producer, WFAA Channel 8 was honored with this year's Media Advocate Award. Through her informative news reports, Foster has publicized the concept of ChildCareGroup's Infants at Work program and has promoted awareness of the need for legislation to create new, tougher standards for family child care homes. Foster has also helped highlight important issues for North Texas parents and their children, such as video game addiction and an increased tendency toward bullying in young females.

The Foundation for Community Empowerment (FCE) and KERA shared the Outstanding Community Partner Award honors. FCE's new Partners for Children Project has been instrumental in establishing an active coalition of Dallas early childhood professionals. Marcia Page, CEO of the Foundation, will accept the award. KERA has been committed to early education for more than 40 years, providing education for parents and child care providers, along with programs and resources for young children. Danny Henley, Director of Education, will accept the award on behalf of KERA.

Eastfield Community College Child Development Department and DISD Trustee Ron Price each received the Early Childhood Advocate Award. Eastfield's Dr. Susan Wyatt and Nancy Beaver helped secure funding for education and training of over 2,500 Dallas child care professionals in 2007. The Public Policy Award was presented to Senator Jane



ChildCareGroup past board chair Joe Norville, board chair Roy Vandiver and board trustee Don Shipman.

Right: ChildCareGroup board trustee Debbie Taylor and Advocate Award recipient Tina Foster.



Board trustee Elizabeth Gambrell and board chair Roy Vandiver



Board trustee Judy Gibbs and president Susan Hoff.

Nelson honoring her commitment to protecting and educating Texas' youngest children. Senator Nelson authored several bills in the last legislative session designed to improve licensed and regulated child care programs.

Linda Rog was recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for her contributions toward improving parents' access to the Child Care Subsidy System through her pioneering work on the design and development of the Workflow Automated System. The system is an innovative tool currently used by ChildCareGroup, and is expected to become a model for child care subsidy agencies statewide.

"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,"

said President of ChildCareGroup's 2007 Board of Trustees Joe Norville, Partner, KPMG LLP. "We are proud to honor their investments in young children's lives, bettering our entire community's future."

New board officers were also installed at the meeting. Roy Vandiver of Holmes, Murphy and Associates will serve as Board Chair. William Lockhart of Carlson Capital, L.P. assumed the office of Treasurer and Dan Mahoney of Mahoney Property Management will serve as Chair-Elect.

ChildCareGroup, founded in 1901, is a non-profit United Way agency dedicated to promoting, delivering and expanding the best child care services available outside the home. The families served by ChildCareGroup are primarily the working poor, most earning incomes below the poverty level.