



## ChildCareGroup highlights . . .

➤ Susan Hoff received numerous awards and recognitions in 2007: 'Sheros' awarded by Jr. League of Richardson and Region 10; "Women of Excellence" awarded by Women's Enterprise magazine; "Outstanding Local Leaders of 2007," presented by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute; and United Way Heroes of Hope "2007 Agency Executive Director of the Year."



➤ Pre-K Day at the Capital was a success as the Texas Legislature strengthened laws to protect children in child care; and increased child care subsidy rates, access to public pre-k, and support for the TEEM (Texas Early Education Model) project.

➤ Our exceptional training team provided education for over 3,000 child care providers, making a positive difference for over 30,000 young children.

➤ ChildCareGroup's (CCG) TEEM project provided training, educational materials, and teacher mentoring to 130 North Texas pre-k, child care, and Head Start classrooms, serving more than 2,500 three and four year olds.



### United Way's Heroes of Hope Event



Gary Godsey, UW President/CEO; Cami Alexander, Kimberly-Clark Corporation; Susan Hoff; Debbie Taylor, Campaign Chair

➤ ChildCareGroup staff received professional recognition at the "Honoring the Profession" event: Susan Hoff received the Early Childhood Intervention "Child First Award"; Leticia White, CCG teacher at Oak Cliff United Methodist Church, received the "Sonya Bemporad Excellence in Child Care" award; and the "Health Services 'Shining Star'" award was presented to Dezhree Solorzano, Health Services Specialist.

➤ Terdema Ussery, President, Dallas Mavericks Foundation, presented Susan Hoff with a check for \$25,000 at their Tux & Tennesse Gala.

➤ CCG received the United Way Partner Agency "Pacesetter Award for Best Practices" and "Tocqueville Giving Award" for its internal campaign.

➤ ChildCareGroup received more than 80 television, radio, and print media hits, with its "Infants at Work" program receiving both local and national coverage.

➤ ChildCareGroup was one of the eight DFW agencies selected to participate in the North Texas Community Wealth Collaborative, a partnership between the Center for Nonprofit Management and Community Wealth Ventures, Inc.



Dezhree Solorzano with her Supervisor, Taminisa White



➤ The Citi/United Way Small Business Success Project provided effective business training for 55 child care owners and directors. Citi Funds for Financial Education were used to fund this project.

Pat Robbins, Citi Corp.; Gary Godsey, UW CEO; Susan Hoff; Dara Duguary, Citi Foundation



CCG Infants at Work

## Message from the president



Since 1901, ChildCareGroup has known that the first years of life are critical to human development. Today, the rest of the world is catching up with us!

Educators, economists, and business leaders all agree that high quality early childhood education is the key to eliminating the achievement gap and ensuring a strong workforce for the future. Children who don't have a strong early learning foundation begin school behind and often stay behind. Without early intervention, thousands of young children may struggle in school and lose precious opportunities for achieving their full potentials. These are losses we can ill afford.

Jobs that don't require high technical skills and at least some post high school education are few and far between, and this trend will likely continue. Yet high school drop out rates are high, especially for minority and low-income students. The most effective drop out prevention efforts need to begin in early childhood. Children who enter school ready to learn have a better chance of staying in school, and thriving there.

The business angle for investing in early learning programs is compelling. Our economy depends on a strong workforce. But the human angle is equally important. We know that children who feel valued and loved grow up with the capacity to care for themselves and others.

At ChildCareGroup, relationships are our cornerstone. Our programs focus on fostering and nurturing the bond between parents and children and our training services help child care providers connect with each other and the families they serve. And we depend upon strong relationships with our community partners, collaborators, and supporters.

Thank you for helping us make a lasting difference for thousands of children!

Susan Peek Hoff  
President/CEO

## Our presence in the community . . .



Juneteenth celebration at MLK CCG Center — graduates return to inspire children with singing, dancing & storytelling.

➤ ChildCareGroup (CCG) operates six NAEYC accredited early care and education child development centers. The Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) was implemented in 22 pre-k classrooms, three of which received "Texas School Ready" certification. In 2007, our centers provided direct care and health screenings to 661 children and their families, with 70 receiving special needs assistance.

➤ Child Care Assistance (CCA) manages the child care subsidy contract for Workforce Solutions for Dallas County. Annually, eligibility is determined for more than 14,000 parents. In 2007, over 25,000 children were placed in care. In the month of December, ChildCareGroup was ranked #1 in the state for "average number of children served per day." For this achievement, we were awarded "Best in Class" by Workforce Solutions for Dallas County.

➤ Food and Nutrition Program served nearly 600,000 meals and snacks to more than 1,800 children in CCG's child development centers and sponsored family child care homes in Dallas and six surrounding counties through the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program.

➤ Resource and Referral (R&R) specialists processed approximately 23,000 child care referrals, helping families locate care for over 3,000 children, including corporate employees and military families in its 42 county service delivery area.

## ChildCareGroup recognizes lawmakers, community partners and foundations...

2007 Advocate Award recipients were honored for their investment in the lives of young children and their families, improving our entire community's future.

### Donor of the Year Award

The Meadows Foundation for providing funds for much needed training support to improve caregiver education, greatly enhancing services for children and families in close to 3,000 facilities across North Texas.



### Outstanding Community Partner Award

The Foundation for Community Empowerment (FCE) for their new Partners for Children coalition; and to KERA for their commitment to early education for more than 40 years—providing education for parents and child care providers and programs and resources for young children.

### Early Childhood Advocate Award

Eastfield Community College Child Development Department, Dr. Susan Wyatt and Nancy Beaver, for securing funding for education and training of over 2,500 Dallas child care professionals in 2007. And, DISD Trustee Ron Price for being a strong advocate for enhanced training for child care providers.

### Media Advocate Award

Tina Foster, WFAA Channel 8 News Producer, for her informative news reporting regarding important issues effecting North Texas parents and their children, and the need for legislation to create new, tougher standards for family child care homes.

### Public Policy Advocate Award

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

### Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Linda Rog for her pioneering work on the design and development of the Workflow Automated System, a business process management system designed to improve program efficiencies through streamlining and organizing case management.



Board member, Judy Gibbs; Susan Hoff; and FCE President, Marcia Page; Toni Harrison-Kelly, Manager & Danny Henley, Director of Education, KERA; Dr. Susan Wyatt & Nancy Beaver, Eastfield College; DISD Trustee Ron Price with Susan Hoff

Past Board Chair, Debbie Taylor & Tina Foster, WFAA Channel 8; Texas State Senator Jane Nelson District 12; Linda Rog, Volunteer of the Year, with Susan Hoff



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