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Honoring World AIDS Day

It is time once again to come together and reflect on the challenges we have faced, those we have conquered and those we continue to battle in regards to HIV/AIDS. The Children's Place Association has been following and responding to the HIV epidemic for more than 18

years and we will continue to do so until the disease has been eradicated and children and families can live free from the effects and stigma of this relentless epidemic.



Last year on World AIDS Day I told you about our organization's visions for the future and this year I would like to once again emphasize its importance. It is the vision of The Children's Place Association that by the year 2017:

We are known internationally as a leading authority and advocate for children, youth and families with HIV/AIDS;

We touch the life of every HIV/AIDS-affected child in Illinois; and

We meet the basis physical and emotional needs of 10,000 orphans and vulnerable children in the Caribbean and other high-need regions of the world.

This fall we received a federal grant for our Lifelong Families program renewable each year for the next four years from the Department of Health and Human Services. This grant makes it possible for many more children and families in Chicago to receive services from The Children's Place Association. In addition to our growth here in Chicago we are also seeing success internationally. In the last year Children's Place International has made great strides in the Caribbean, serving nearly 550 individuals in Haiti alone.

event calendar.

December 3, 2009

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Steelcase Wreath and Menorah Design Competition

Location: Steelcase Showroom, Merchandise Mart

December 5, 2009

Adopt-A-Family Gifts Due

Thank you to all who participated!!

December 14, 2009

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Professional Partners' Meeting

Location: 1436 W Randolph, Fifth Floor

December 16, 2009

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gala Committee Meeting

Location: 1436 W Randolph, Fifth Floor

December 17, 2009

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wine Tasting and Sale to Benefit The Children's Place Association

Location: Randolph Wine Cellars, 1415 W Randolph St

May 1, 2010

Once Upon a Time Gala

Location: Chicago Cultural Center

Light Up Your Holiday

This holiday season enjoy the gift of light while giving the gift of hope to children and families affected by HIV.

Light Up Your Holidays, a Chicago Christmas decoration and holiday lighting company, is donating up to 25% of its profits from new clients who mention The Children's Place Association when signing up for its customized holiday display services.

[Learn More](#)

These milestones help us inch closer to our vision and see lives changed across this state and the Caribbean. You can read more about these achievements and more in our FY09 Annual Report, [now available online](#).

Throughout the last year the 2017 Vision has remained at the center of everything that we do as we continue to work to see it come to life – **but we can not do it alone**. This vision can only become a reality with your continued support and dedication to our mission.

On this World AIDS Day, **take a moment to remember** our children and families and those around the world who continue to battle the epidemic and face stigma each and every day. Remember there is hope, and together we can help improve the present and secure the future for those in need in Chicago and internationally.

Thank you for all you have done over the years and for all you continue to do. Thank you for partnering with us.

Warm wishes to you & your family this holiday season,

Cathy Krieger
President & CEO

New Childrens-Place.Org is Live

Take time today to check out the [new Web site for The Children's Place Association](#). The site is full of new content, videos and stories and provides an easy way to stay up to date with all of the news and events from across the organization.



While you're on the site don't forget to join our Facebook group and help us spread the word about The Children's Place Association and our mission.

Keep checking the new site for updates and new information!

Honor A Family This Holiday Season

This year The Children's Place Association has launched a new program, designed to give you the opportunity to honor those you call family – whether friends, colleagues, grandparents, sons or daughters – and let them know how important they are to you and to others.

When you honor a family with your gift you are helping one of our families receive the support they need in order to fight the HIV epidemic.

We will recognize the honored family with special gifts from The Children's Place Association family including holiday cards or paintings designed by our children, as well as a Certificate of Recognition.



Visit our [donation page](#) to Honor A Family and for more details about the program and the giving levels.

Celebrate the Season with Us

The holidays provide a special time to gather with friends and family and celebrate the year that has passed and the one that is ahead. As members of our family we would like to invite you to two very special holiday events this season.



On December 3, Steelcase Inc. is holding their [10th annual Wreath and Menorah Design Competition & Charity Auction](#) to benefit The Children's Place Association. Held in Steelcase's beautiful showroom in the Merchandise Mart this event is an annual highlight for The Children's Place Association as it celebrates the creative interpretations of holiday symbols by Chicago's most innovative designers. **Join us from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. this Thursday.**

Before you stock up on your holiday wine be sure to check out [Randolph Wine Cellars](#)! If you purchase wine on December 17, 2009 at Randolph Wine Cellars 10% of proceeds from your purchases will benefit The Children's Place Association. They are also hosting a special **FREE wine tasting** from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on December 17. Their knowledgeable wine staff will pour six wines to expand your wine horizons and entice your holiday taste buds. This is a great chance to help a wonderfully noble cause and get your holiday wine shopping done in one night!

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