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Chicago Service Organization Deeply Concerned for Employees and Clients in Haiti
The Children's Place Association Serves Children and Families Affected by HIV in Haiti

CHICAGO– January 13, 2010 – The Children's Place Association, a Chicago-based nonprofit, continues to monitor the situation in Haiti after a 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck the country late Tuesday afternoon and the status of clients and workers remains unknown.

The organization currently cares for more than 500 clients in Haiti. The Children's Place Association began programming in this poverty-ridden country to help families affected by HIV/AIDS meet the needs of their children.

“We have been attempting to contact our field workers in Haiti since we learned of the quake yesterday afternoon,” said Cathy Krieger, president and CEO of The Children's Place Association. “At this time we have not been able to reach our team or families and we are deeply concerned for their safety and well-being as the devastation in the area is wide spread.”

A relief effort is already underway. “We have begun to mobilize support for our employees and clients. While we do not yet know what the specific needs, monetary donations will help us to quickly provide aid once we are able to reach them. We anticipate these needs will include medical supplies, clean water and food.”

Donations can be made through the organizations Web site, www.childrens-place.org or calling 312-660-3030. Supporters are asked to note the donation is for Haiti Quake Relief.

About The Children's Place Association

The mission of The Children's Place Association is to improve the present and secure the future for children, youth and families confronted by HIV/AIDS or other life-changing health conditions. Founded in 1991, The Children's Place Association serves as a safe haven for children in Chicago whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS through the Residential Center and Early Learning Center as well as Family & Community Services and Foster Care & Adoption programs. Children's Place International was launched to care for the 2.5 million children worldwide living with HIV. Currently the program serves children and families in Haiti, and programming is under development in Guyana. For more information on programs and services, visit www.childrens-place.org or call 312-733-9954.

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