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**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
RECEIVES \$9,400 GRANT**

Buffalo, NY (January 12, 2010) – The Children’s Guild Foundation, Inc. has awarded Child and Family Services a grant of \$9,400. The grant will be used to provide therapeutic recreational activities for children living at Child and Family Services’ Lee Randall Jones Residence, Conners Treatment Center and Morey House, as well as for children from The Stanley G. Falk School and the Reach Out Program.

The Children's Guild Foundation is dedicated to changing the lives of children, like those involved in Child and Family Services’ programs, who face physical, emotional or mental disabilities. Through the financial support of healthcare, research, education and recreation programs, the foundation enhances and improves the quality of life for children throughout Western New York. “We very much appreciate the support of the Children’s Guild Foundation and their continued concern for the welfare of children in our community,” states Eugene Meeks, President and CEO of Child & Family Services.

Many of the children involved in Child and Family Services’ programs were once victims of neglect or abuse, and struggle with the emotional, social and behavioral effects of such traumatic events. Through individualized treatment plans, including therapeutic recreational

activities, Child and Family Services provides these children with the support and tools to become healthy, happy adults. Therapeutic recreational activities have been documented to play an important role in a child's successful recovery by fostering confidence, increasing attention span, improving motor skills, promoting independence, and enhancing communication and social skills.

The generosity of the Children's Guild Foundation will allow Child and Family Services to provide children with a variety of therapeutic recreational activities, including: E.C.C. Ultimate Basketball Camp, summer camps such as the YMCA and Boy Scout Camp, day trips to Darien Lake and Niagara Falls, and even ice cream socials and a pirate day. These programs and activities not only improve the children's physical, mental and emotional well-being, but help them discover positive and fulfilling ways to spend their free time.

Child & Family Services is a private, not-for-profit community service organization that has been helping families of all faiths, backgrounds, and financial means for over 136 years. We provide comfort, assurance, and support for families in times of crisis. Our cutting-edge programs and services help vulnerable members of our community, provide education to troubled youth, and help to break the cycle of family violence.

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