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Sacramento Children's Home: (Em)Powered by Microsoft Microsoft Corporation Awards the Sacramento Children's Home a \$650,000 Software Grant

March 08, 2011 – Sacramento, CA: The Sacramento Children's Home (SCH) has received a generous donation from Microsoft – a \$650,000 grant in the form of new computer software and licenses. This grant from Microsoft will allow the Sacramento Children's Home to not only maintain its current IT infrastructure – supporting over 200 employees in seven locations – but will also help the IT team to prepare the agency, and the children and families it serves, for the future by implementing Microsoft applications such as Windows 7, Microsoft Office 2010, Microsoft Exchange Server 2010, and Microsoft SharePoint 2010. The new software will also reduce future operational costs for the Children's Home. Microsoft Northwest District General Manager, John Halliwell, said that, "Microsoft seeks to help people reach their full potential." He noted, "Microsoft is dedicated to providing the resources to help companies and communities prosper. This grant brings cutting-edge technology to the Sacramento Children's Home, allowing them to use innovative software tools and solutions to help families in new ways." Microsoft's support will free much needed resources that now can be used to deliver front-line program services to children and their families in the Sacramento region.

The Sacramento Children's Home is extremely proud to have joined forces with Microsoft. This grant will not only allow SCH to update essential office and network software, but will bring the most recent technology to the residents and families served by the Sacramento Children's Home. Residents will be able to use the upgraded software in their daily homework lab and afterschool programs, as well as for learning critical life skills – using email, writing a resume, searching for independent housing, etc. Depending on the release of future editions, this donation will fill the Sacramento Children's Home's software needs beyond 2012. Roy Alexander, CEO of the Sacramento Children's Home, cannot emphasize enough what the corporate support means for SCH, "These are difficult times for everyone. This donation, and the generosity of its scope, will allow our vital resources to be focused on the needs of the children and families we serve, in lieu of utilizing our limited resources to stay current in our technological infrastructure, which is essential in the ever-changing, competitive economy that our families find themselves in."

The Sacramento Children's Home is committed to helping build strong families; opening doors to the future; maximizing potential; and ending the cycle of child abuse. The Sacramento Children's Home provides care to the most vulnerable children and families in the Sacramento community. Throughout their 144 years as an organization, the Sacramento Children's Home has been strongly committed to the care of children and families. Their community-based, residential and educational programs address the issues of children, newborn to 21, and range from prevention of child abuse and parenting education, to acute trauma treatment.

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