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Sacramento Children's Home Celebrates 144th Anniversary The "Heart of a Home" for many Sacramento children beating strong after 144 years

February 13, 2011 – Sacramento, CA: The Sacramento Children's Home (SCH) will mark its 144th year of service to Sacramento's children on February 14, 2011. For 144 years, the Sacramento Children's Home has been extremely committed to the care of children and families.

In February of 1867 concerned citizens founded what was to become the Sacramento Children's Home (SCH). Born as an orphanage and developed as a children's farm association and founding home, the first orphanage was located at 18th and L Street in downtown Sacramento. In 1888, there were 134 children residing in the Orphanage, and 122 in 1900. In October of 1906 the children were finally moved into what was to become the permanent location of the Children's Home – 15 acres on Sutterville Boulevard. In 1915 the Sacramento Children's Home was rated "best of its kind in the country", according to the State Board of Examiners.

The Sacramento Children's Home serves the same purpose today as it did so many years ago; provide the best care to the most vulnerable children in the Sacramento community. The tradition of services continues through residential, community, and education programs that span a greater range of ages and broader range of needs than any other child/family support agency in the region. Our programs address the needs of children from prenatal through young adulthood by combining prevention, intervention and intensive trauma care to strengthen families and give children safe, stable homes. Today, the Sacramento Children's Home serves approximately 4,200 children and 3,700 families each year through:

- The Residential Treatment Program serves children with severe emotional disturbances resulting from child abuse and/or neglect.
- SCH is a member of the Family Support Collaborative operating three (3) Family Resource Centers (Valley Hi, Meadowview, and North Sacramento), each offering Birth & Beyond, a home visitation program which provides supportive services to neighborhood families who are at-risk and in need of safety net services.
- SCH Mental Health Services operate three (3) programs:
 - Transition Age Program, serving adolescents and young adults
 - SCH Counseling Center
 - Wraparound Services
- The Sacramento Crisis Nursery serves high need families with children aged 0-5, who are experiencing crisis issues that may jeopardize family stability and well-being, endanger the

safety of young children, and put the family in crisis at risk for out-of-home placements in formal foster care.

The Sacramento Children's Home received congressional recognition as Angels in Adoption and the 2002 Nonprofit Resource Center's "Nonprofit Organization of the Year" award. The Sacramento Children's Home's Family Resource Center's Birth & Beyond programs and the Sacramento Crisis Nurseries were recognized by the California Legislature in 2006 for "Changing A Lifetime". The Crisis Nursery Program has also been recognized as a vital program focused on reducing abuse and neglect in the community. In addition, the Sacramento Crisis Nursery program and our Family Resource Centers have been recognized by the First 5 Commission as vital in providing essential safety net services to the greater Sacramento community, picking up those services that have been lost through recent Sacramento County budget cuts.