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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Hope Center for Children Donors Recognized by Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)**

Two local families were honored for their contributions to advancing the work of Hope Center for Children. The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Piedmont Chapter hosted the annual National Philanthropy Day at Thornblade Country Club in Greer on November 17, 2016. The AFP Chapter honors nominees in two categories – Philanthropist of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Hope Center for Children nominated one candidate for each category. Selected as one of five Philanthropist of the Year finalists, Ben and Christine Taylor, owners of AssureSouth, an AsssureAlliance company, were honored for their investments and contributions to Hope Center for Children’s annual fundraising events. “The Taylors are very passionate about the mission of Hope Center for Children” said organization CEO, Chamlee Loscuito, “Their generosity helps children and families in our community to thrive.”

Mr. Hamp and Mrs. Lou Lindsey, along with their son Wade, owners of Wade’s Restaurant, Inc., were honored as the overall winner in the Volunteer of the Year category. The Lindseys were nominated by Hope Center for Children for their long-standing commitment to volunteer leadership in the Spartanburg community as well as specifically with Hope Center for Children’s Board of Directors and annual fundraising events. “The Lindsey’s legacy of servant leadership had made an incredible impact on Hope Center for Children and Spartanburg” Molly Moyer, Hope Center for Children Director of Development said, “The selection process for National Philanthropy Day Awards is highly competitive, and we are so proud to see AFP honor both the Taylors and two generations of the Lindsey family for their partnership as we advance the mission of Hope Center for Children.”



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About Hope Center for Children:

Hope Center for Children, formerly the Children Shelter of the Upstate and Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home, exists to build stable, healthy families and provide children a safe place from abuse and neglect. We have five primary programs that work toward this goal; two programs serve families with increased risk of abuse or neglect, two provide around-the-clock care for children who are victims of abuse or neglect and one program works with youth at risk of homelessness. **In the past 12 months we have served 831 families and 2,183 children in our community.** For more information on Hope Center for Children, visit [www.hopecfc.org](http://www.hopecfc.org) or call 864-583-7688.

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