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HOPE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S SUSAN PARRIS AND MONICA STUCKEY RECEIVE TEACHING-FAMILY ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Spartanburg, S.C., December 29, 2015 – Susan Parris and Monica Stuckey were recently honored with awards at the Teaching-Family Association's 38th Annual Conference. In recognition of Susan's work as the DSS Prevention Liaison with the Empowering Families program at Hope Center for Children, she was presented with the Outstanding Contribution and Achievement in Human Services award which recognizes advocacy and support of children and their families. Empowering Families provides preventative support for families with a focus on case management and stabilization. Susan has played a vital role in ensuring the effectiveness of the program in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties. "Because of Susan Parris, Hope Center for Children staff has experienced the real benefits of a public/private partnership," said Hope Center for Children's Chief Executive Officer, Chamlee Loscuito. "Parris' sincere dedication to children being safe and families having preventative support has allowed us, together, to successfully serve about 1,500 children annually."

Monica Stuckey, Family-Teacher for Anchor House, was presented with the Teaching-Family Distinguished Practitioner Award which recognizes outstanding Teaching-Family Practitioners at each Certified Member Agency who have provided exceptional service. Anchor House uses the Teaching-Family Model and provides long-term care in a home-like environment for girls between 11 and 19 years old while they are nurtured, taught key life skills, and heal from abuse or neglect.

The Teaching-Family Association was founded in 1975 to ensure the quality of care provided by professionals who actively pursue the goals of humane, effective, individualized treatment for children, families, and dependent adults using the common framework of the Teaching-Family Model for treatment and support. Hope Center for Children offers programs to support children and families, four of which use the Teaching-Family Model in residential and home-based settings. Hope Center for Children is one of only two certified Teaching-Family Association agencies in South Carolina.



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 1,971 children in our community.** For more information on Hope Center for Children, visit www.hopecfc.org or call 864-583-7688.

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