

DR. PHIL FOUNDATION AWARDS \$10,000 TO CHILDREN'S BUREAU OF NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans (June 3, 2009) Children's Bureau of New Orleans received a generous donation from the Dr. Phil Foundation in the amount of \$10,000. This contribution will be used to support Children's Bureau's Project LAST, a program that provides community-based, counseling services to grieving and traumatized children and youth.

This generous donation from the Dr. Phil Foundation comes at a time when the need for Project LAST' services are at an all time high. Recent surveys have shown that not only are the rates of depression and anxiety high among children post-Katrina, but that these rates are not improving. In addition, New Orleans continues to be ranked as the most violent city in the United States, a ranking that has very negative consequences for our children's mental health. The majority of families who receive services through Project LAST are reporting multiple traumas, and this Agency has also seen an increase in the number of children reporting suicidal thoughts.

The Dr. Phil Foundation was formed in 2003 by Dr. Phil and Robin McGraw. Dr. Phil is the best-selling author and host of the daytime television series *Dr. Phil*. The Dr. Phil Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization, committed to supporting organizations and programs that address the emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual needs of children and families. Children's Bureau is proud to join Dr. Phil to fight the "silent epidemics" in America – those problems that cripple our society in subtle but undeniable ways. Children's Bureau was featured on the Dr. Phil show on May 25th, 2009.

Children's Bureau of New Orleans has served our community since 1892, and is proud to have the support of such a prestigious foundation as the Dr. Phil Foundation. In the words of Dr. Phil, "Everybody should have the opportunity to do and be everything they can be."