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**Children Inc.'s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of Service**

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Children, Inc. will celebrate, inspire, and inform attendees at their 2nd Annual Celebration of Service on September 13th at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington from 4:30pm – 6:15pm. Mr. Tim Hanner, 2010 Superintendent of the Year will be the Master of Ceremonies. Educators, schools of contribution and all liasons that work closely with the Children, Inc. Service Learning Department will be honored.

UGIVE and LAUNCHCincinnati will be at the event to speak with schools regarding their programs. Children, Inc. Service Learning coordinators will also be available to speak with schools on enhancing classroom learning through civic engagement. Every guest will be given a directory of local non-profit organizations who are currently seeking student volunteer groups, a list of all ideas collected during a share-and-learn segment, and other tools to help kick-off the new school year.

Children, Inc.'s Mayerson Service Learning Initiative has served 23,000 k-12 students, their schools, and their communities. Their mission is to empower youth, help them become active citizens today, and valued community members for life. They accomplish this in collaboration with teachers and students across the Greater Cincinnati area participating in service learning experiences.

Service Learning is a teaching and learning method that connects meaningful community service experiences with academic learning, personal growth, and civic responsibility. This powerful teaching methodology successfully unites classroom curriculum with identified community issues and needs, and it is an opportunity for reflection. By participating in high quality Service Learning experiences, students learn the invaluable skill of being able to organize information, resources, and people in order to improve the community. Service Learning fosters lifelong connections between students, their communities and the world outside the classroom.

RSVP for the Celebration of Service event at: <http://servicelearning.childreninc.org/rsvp/>

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Children, Inc. offers nationally accredited child care and early childhood education programs in a variety of settings throughout Northern Kentucky for infants to school age children. The agency consists of eleven child development centers, operates on-site programs for elementary school children at forty-five local schools, manages a family child care network of approximately sixty-five certified providers, runs a home visitation program for first-time mothers, supports Service Learning in 75 schools, writes and distributes original children's music nationwide, and offers a variety of training programs for parents and early childhood professionals.

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