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**MARCIA H. SIMMONS OF VISIONS COMMUNITY SERVICES  
RECEIVES FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY IN ACTION AWARD**  
*Marcia H. Simmons Legacy Fund Announced*

**Cincinnati, OH** – More than 300 gathered at the Bell Event Centre on Saturday, March 23, for the annual Raising of the Green fundraiser, which raised more than \$70,000 to benefit the work of VISIONS Community Services and Children, Inc. Marcia Simmons served as honorary event chair to the gala, which also celebrated the January 1 VISIONS merger with Children, Inc.

The event also celebrated Marcia Simmons, who served as founder and executive director at VISIONS' predecessor agency, Dominican Community Services, and then VISIONS from 1988 until the end of last year. She received the Fourth Annual Charity in Action award on Saturday for her 25 years of leadership at VISIONS, a nonprofit organization providing education and services to teen mothers and their pre-kindergarten children in the West End and Over the Rhine.

The event also introduced the Marcia H. Simmons Legacy Fund, which was established to celebrate the merger of VISIONS and Children, Inc., and to maintain Marcia's work breaking the cycle of poverty for families through education and services. An additional \$50,000 was raised for this fund.