



Helping Hand  
Home for Children

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## **12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN AWARDS LUNCHEON RAISES MORE THAN \$250,000 FOR HELPING HAND HOME**

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**Austin, TX (October 2011)** – Helping Hand Home for Children is pleased to announce that the Champions for Children Awards luncheon breaks its revenue record raising \$250,000 to help abused, neglected and abandoned children. The event was attended by nearly 900 people. Wes Moore, author of the New York Times bestseller, *The Other Wes Moore* was the keynote speaker. A youth advocate, Army combat veteran, businessman and nonprofit leader, Wes Moore has been featured by *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *People Magazine*, *USA Today*, *Essence*, *The View*, *Meet the Press*, *Charlie Rose* and most recently *Time Magazine*. Co-Chairs for the 2011 Champions for Children luncheon were Kathy and Joe Petet. Ron Franklin served as master of ceremonies and KXAN's Leslie Rhode was the special guest awards presenter.

Each year, Helping Hand Home honors caregivers and volunteers who have been selected for their exemplary work with children in need. The 2011 Honorees included: Student Volunteers from St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Sarah Smith with Foster Angels of Central Texas, Foster parents Marie and Wayne Michels, Cynthia Pennick with Helping Hand Home and Sandra A. Martin, CEO, Center for Child Protection. The 2011 Philanthropic Honoree was the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

Special thanks to all of our corporate, foundation and individual donors whose support is changing the lives of children in need. For more information about Champions for Children or Helping Hand Home, please contact Julie Freeman, Director of Development at (512) 600-7891 or [jfreeman@helpinghandhome.org](mailto:jfreeman@helpinghandhome.org).

### **About Helping Hand Home for Children**

Since 1893 Helping Hand Home has provided a nurturing and therapeutic home for children who have suffered severe abuse and neglect. We accomplish our mission by providing a continuum of services that begins with residential treatment, provides the children education through an on-site charter school and places the children into loving families through our foster and adoption services.

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