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OPENING OF MILLER HOUSE TO HELP LOCAL FOSTER CHILDREN NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

PLANTATION, FL – ChildNet, Broward County’s Community Based Care lead agency has contracted with 4KIDS of South Florida, a community agency to expand the services of SafePlace, the local intake and placement center operated by 4KIDS for the last five years. Miller House is designed to provide a safe haven for children between the ages of 0-17 for whom placement has not been identified immediately. Its primary goal is to provide care for children in a safe, comfortable, home-like setting that is a stable temporary home during a stressful time in their own family unit. In an effort to get the home ready for children to move in, 4KIDS and ChildNet are requesting the community’s support.

“Many of these children just moments prior to coming to Miller House have endured a significant upset at their home that would warrant removal,” said Emilio Benitez, ChildNet Chief Executive Officer. “Miller House will be a refuge for these children during a very difficult time in their young lives.”

The six-bed residential home is in Fort Lauderdale. It will provide short-term care until a child is placed in an appropriate foster home or group home. House parents will be on staff 24 hours a day to provide tutoring, mentoring and to help with the child’s academic and emotional needs.

“Miller House offers ChildNet another wonderful opportunity to work with 4KIDS of South Florida as they continue to ensure that Broward’s abused, abandoned and neglected children receive the quality of care they need and deserve,” adds Larry Rein, Vice President of Network Development.

To better prepare Miller House to be move-in ready, ChildNet and 4KIDS is reaching out to the community for monetary donations and the following goods and services. Monetary donations can made via www.childnet.us or www.4kidsofsfl.org by selecting Safe Place Fund

To donate any of the following services or goods, contact Reina Avalos at 4KIDS of South Florida at (954) 556-4578.

Services

- External Painting
- Internal Painting
- Plumbing
- Electric work
- Grouting, sealing
- Landscaping

Goods

- Waterproof flooring (i.e. tile, wood laminate)
- Kitchen cabinets (counter and sink)
- Toilet
- Washer & Dryer
- Dining and Office Furniture
- AC unit
- Privacy fence

ChildNet is the private, not for profit organization selected by the state through a competitive process to serve as the local Community Based Care lead agency. As the lead agency, ChildNet manages the local system of services and supports for Broward’s abused, abandoned and neglected children and their caregivers. This system of care was developed with extensive input from local stakeholders and its effective implementation depends upon their continued support. For more information on ChildNet, visit the Web site at www.ChildNet.us or call (954) 414-6000.

4KIDS of South Florida (4KIDS) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 child welfare agency dedicated to “Providing hope...for kids in crisis. “4KIDS is committed to the needs of Broward and Palm Beach foster child in 4 key areas – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. 4KIDS is licensed through the lead agency ChildNet with the Department of Children & Families (DCF). 4KIDS of South Florida is located at 827 S. State Rd. 7, North Lauderdale, Florida. Tel: (954) 979-7911 Fax: (954) 917-8932. Community Relations: (954) 556-4677. To learn more, go to: www.4kidsofsfl.org.

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