

PRESS RELEASE: 154th Annual Meeting for The Children's Study Home

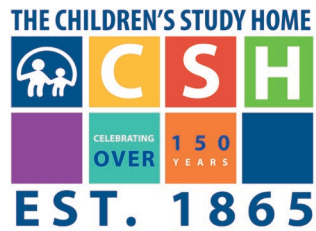
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Springfield, MA (June 7, 2019) – The Children's Study Home held its 154th Annual Meeting last night at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA. Over 160 employees, Board Members and guests joined to recognize Meg Beturne, Assistant Nurse Manager at the Baystate Orthopedic Surgery Center, for the Rachel Capen Merriam Award. Each year The Children's Study Home acknowledges an individual or business with the Rachel Capen Merriam Award who best typifies outstanding service to children and families. When The Children's Study Home began as the Springfield Home for Friendless Women and Children on April 27, 1865 it became the first charitable institution of its kind not only in the city, but in all of Western Massachusetts.

Rachel Capen Merriam, visionary founder and first president of The Children's Study Home (1865–1871) was devoted and committed to children and families. The Children's Study Home believes Meg Beturne has exemplified these attributes through her dedication and leadership throughout the years as a Board of Director since 1992, Board President from 2016-2018, one of our greatest supporters at events and in the many ways in which she offers her unwavering support to The Children's Study Home staff and volunteers.

"Meg's dedication and enthusiasm to The Children's Study Home is infectious. She is always willing to participate and advocate, whether providing endless hours leading agency causes or organizing over 100 Spring Baskets for the residential, foster care and family support programs, she is ready to roll up her sleeves and get things done. She is an inspiration to us all," said Kandy Tranghese, current Board President.

The Children's Study Home was delighted to have Tricia Farley-Bouvier, State Representative and Dr. Marianna Litovich, parent, community psychologist, and civic-minded organizer speak at this year's Annual Meeting. Both are advocates for children and families through programs such as The Children's Study Home's Comprehensive Foster Care Program and Family Reunification Program. Dr. Marianna Litovich noted, "that we are in a room full of game changers for local children and families."



Leslie Fisher-Katz, Executive Director of The Children's Study Home compiled six pages of successes from every program and department, which many were focused around moving children into permanent homes and school placements.

This year's awards included The Madison Young Award for Compassion to Ajalon Williams, The Julian Darku Award for Courage to Start HerE Management Team, the Team Award to the entire Curtis Blake Day School Staff and Outstanding Employee Awards to Charlie Gonzalez, Facilities Manager; Dana Scott-Smith, Principal of Mill Pond School Springfield; Elba Cartagena, Family Support Worker; and Janae Jackson, Lead Overnight Residential Supervisor.

The Children's Study Home also awarded Julie Norton for 25 years of service, Erin Devlin for 20 years of service, Kristin Balmer, Betty Perez, Tonya Shippy, Yadaris Rivera, Rick Tremblay, Scott Walker and Cliff Zimmer for 5 years of service to the organization.

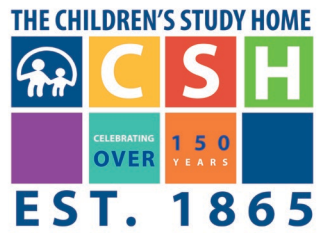
The Children's Study Home thanks PeoplesBank for sponsoring the 2019 Annual Meeting.

The Children's Study Home upcoming fundraising events include, a bowling fundraiser at Shaker Bowl in East Longmeadow on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 6-8 pm and a child and youth art show and auction on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at The Carriage House at the Barney Estate in Forest Park from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Art work from all mediums, including acrylic, watercolor, colored pencil, chalk and sculptures, will be shown from the students of The Children's Study Home's Mill Pond School Springfield and Curtis Blake Day School, as well as artwork from the children of The Children's Study Home's residential programs.

ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S STUDY HOME

The Children's Study Home is a 154 year old non-profit organization dedicated to partnering with families by providing innovative and educational programs and services that strengthen children and families; empowering them to succeed at home, within the community, and throughout life.

The Children's Study Home serves children, adolescents, and families with special needs throughout the Pioneer Valley, the Berkshires and Cape Cod areas. The children we serve are



often struggling to cope with behavioral, psychiatric, and cognitive issues related to the experiences they have survived. Our staff assesses their needs and develops individualized service plans that foster recovery, growth, and wellness. For more information on The Children's Study Home, visit www.studyhome.org.