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Child Care Services Association Accepting Child Care Awards Nominations

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Child Care Services Association (CCSA) is accepting nominations for its 8th Annual Triangle Child Care Awards. Nominate outstanding child care providers, elected officials and other advocates who have provided outstanding service either directly to or for the benefit of young children in Durham, Orange and/or Wake County. CCSA has extended its deadline and will accept nominations until **January 18 at 5:00.**

Parents, community members and child care programs are encouraged to submit nominations for the Dorothy B. Graham Child Care Leadership Award, the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award and the Child Care Services Association Public Service Award. For selection criteria and nomination forms, please visit www.childcareservices.org or contact Andrea Moore at (919) 967-3272.

The Dorothy B. Graham Award is presented to an individual who has been a leader in improving child care in the Triangle. The Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award is given to a child care provider and four finalists in recognition of their professional commitment and outstanding care to children. The Public Service Award honors an individual whose work in the community has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of child care in the Triangle. You may nominate either a private citizen who volunteers his or her service to the community or an elected public official for this award.

In addition to recognition at the breakfast, each winner will receive an engraved token of appreciation. The recipient of the Mary Y. Bridgers Child Care Provider Award will also receive a \$500 cash prize. The four semifinalists will receive a gift certificate to purchase books.

The 8th Annual Triangle Child Care Awards Breakfast will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center in Durham on Friday, March 7, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.

Founded in 1974, Child Care Services Association's mission is to ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality child care for all children and families. The organization accomplishes its mission through direct services, research and advocacy. CCSA provides a nutrition program for children in child care settings, free referral services to families seeking child care, technical assistance to child care businesses, and educational scholarships and salary supplements to child care professionals through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® and Child Care WAGES® projects. In addition, Sue Russell, president of CCSA, is a nationally respected expert on child care and is a resource for policy makers and community leaders throughout the United States. To learn more visit www.childcareservices.org.

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