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Edgewood Children's Center Celebrates 175 Years of Service to the Community

ST. LOUIS, MO—(February 9, 2009) In 2009, Edgewood Children's Center celebrates 175 years of service to children and families in the St. Louis community. To kick-off this yearlong celebration, the agency hosted the **Kids at Heart 175th Anniversary Gala** on February 7th at the Chase Park Plaza. Kids at Heart Awards were presented to Ken Koshi, Stephanie Schnuck Sterkel and Jane and Bob Tschudy.

Edgewood also formally announced its fundraising campaign, with a goal of raising \$500,000 for the center's residential treatment program. To-date, nearly \$400,000 has been raised, of which \$55,000 was raised during the fund-a-need auction at the gala.

History

Edgewood's history dates back to 1834 when Ann M. Perry and a group of volunteer women founded the St. Louis Association of Ladies for the Relief of Orphan Children, to give relief to increasing numbers of abandoned and homeless children left parentless by sweeping cholera epidemics and westward expansion. Edgewood continues today to care for the St. Louis Metropolitan area's neediest children and to set the standard after which other agencies model their programs, providing compassionate care and treatment to restore children and strengthen families through intensive therapy, special education, case management and support services.