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RIZZIERI INSTITUTE CLASS OF 2007 RAISES MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME

MT. HOLLY, NJ, June, 2007— The Rizzieri Aveda School for Beauty and Wellness in Marlton, NJ, class of 2007, raised over \$4,400 in support of The Children's Home new Vocational Cosmetology Program. Their fundraising efforts included raffling baskets of items and gift certificates donated by local businesses and other supporters, a jelly bean counting contest with the winner receiving an Easter wreath crafted by the students, yard sales and assorted food sales at the school, as well as a matching gift made by the father of one of the students.



The Children's Home Executive Director, Roy Leitstein, accepts a check from Rizzieri Instructor, Pat Barbuto and the class of 2007

The Cosmetology program is the first formalized on campus vocational program of The Children's Home Mary A. Dobbins School where at-risk youth can develop marketable skills needed to be successful in the world of work and business. Upon completion of the program, students will have acquired theoretical, practical and

experiential learning in the Cosmetology Arts (hair, nail & skin care) and small business operation and ownership. At-risk youth and youth aging out of the child welfare system are less likely to seek higher education or advanced skill training than their peers which is why vocational programs are so critical to their success. Vocational programs enhance academic achievement and a motivation for learning resulting in career development and increased employability, consequently reducing the likelihood that at-risk and aging-out youth return or resort to a life of crime and/or impoverishment.

Founded in 1864, The Children's Home is a private, nonprofit organization and a leader in providing multi-faceted services to emotionally disturbed, often abused and neglected, boys and girl's ages 8-21 from throughout New Jersey. Its mission is to provide professional therapeutic and supportive services that help children and their families to become productive members of society.

TCH serves over 100 children and youth annually through its three programs, providing one-on-one, group and family therapy, educational services, recreational activities, healthcare and nutritional needs, and independent living and vocational skills. The Residential Treatment Center serves over 50 children at any one time. The Mary A. Dobbins School offers a special education academic program within a highly therapeutic environment for children experiencing learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and emotional disturbances. Mercer House Shelter is a short term, residential facility serving homeless and adjudicated youth from Mercer County (Mercer House is owned by Mercer County and operated by the Children's Home).