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**Change-Makers for Children:**

**New Yorkers Honor Actor/Writer, TV Newsman, Government Official and Non-Profit Leader**

(October 24, 2006, New York, NY) – This morning, hundreds of New Yorkers joined Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC) and corporate sponsor Kaplan, Inc. for a Celebration Breakfast to honor New Yorkers - a government official, a television news reporter and an actor and author along with a non-profit organization serving children with disabling conditions.

"We pay tribute to them for their respectful and impassioned efforts to help children achieve and succeed and to make New York City a better place to be a child. They have each embedded this mission into the work they do each day, initiating and charting a course that others will watch, read, abide by or look to for innovation," said Judith A. Garson, Chair of CCC.

"Our honorees are change-makers for children who command an audience of followers and provide them with an enlightened perspective of what society owes children," said Maryann Marston, CCC's President.

"Their leadership works in tandem with CCC's own, garnering structural reforms in developmental, economic and housing security that is every child's birthright," said Gail Nayowith, CCC's Executive Director.

"Kaplan is delighted to join CCC in honoring these New Yorkers for their efforts to improve the lives of children," said Veronica Dillon, CAO and Executive Vice President of Kaplan Inc. and Co-Chair of the Celebration Breakfast.

*Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Lifelong Commitment to Child Well-Being and Civic Life:*

Sharon Carpinello, R.N., Ph.D. - Commissioner, New York State Office of Mental Health, for her leadership this year that garnered the single largest investment in children's mental health services in the state's history.

*Samuel Peabody Award for Journalism*

Dominic Carter - host, Inside City Hall/The Road to City Hall on NY1 News, for his scrutiny of policy, practice and politics that uncovers the impact of lawmakers' decisions on the lives of New York City children and families.

*Samuel Peabody Award for Community Activism*

Hill Harper – actor (CSI: NY), activist, author (*Letters to a Young Brother*), for encouraging, guiding and mentoring young men who lack positive male role models.

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New Alternatives for Children, for innovation in its service delivery to children with disabilities and its commitment to leveling the playing field and providing a world of opportunity for formerly underserved children.

CCC's Celebration Breakfast, featured Jeffrey D. Sachs, Ph.D. as its keynote speaker. Dr. Sachs is the Director of the Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is also the Director of the United Nations Millennium Project, Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the author of many books, including *The End of Poverty*.

**Securing Every Child's Birthright Healthy • Housed • Educated • Safe.**

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