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### **Citizens' Committee for Children Releases Snapshot of Children and Families in New York City**

*Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey Shows Why Presidential Debates Must Address Issues Related to Poverty and Children*

**New York, NY** – In anticipation of tonight's Presidential town-hall format debate on Long Island, Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (CCC) released a visual snapshot of children and families in New York City illustrating why issues of poverty and children are a critical part of the discussion.

"CCC's *Snapshot of NYC Children and Families in 2011* provides a clear picture of the challenges we face in supporting New York City's low-income families," said CCC Executive Director Jennifer March-Joly. "We have an important opportunity today to make sure that finding solutions to these challenges is a top priority for our country's leaders. We must hear from our Presidential candidates about their plans to combat poverty faced by children and families across the country."

The snapshot provides data gathered from the 2011 American Community Survey by the United States Census Bureau, including:

- 1 in 5 New Yorkers is a child
- 1 in 3 New York City children live in poverty
- 3 out of 4 children are Latino, Black, Asian, or some other race other than White
- The Median income for families with children fell 10.8% since the start of the recession

The Snapshot of *NYC Children and Families in 2011* can be accessed on CCC's web site at <http://www.ccnewyork.org/publications/CCDataBrief.NYCChildren2011.Oct-16-2012.pdf>.

#### **About Citizens' Committee for Children of New York**

Since 1944, Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc. (CCC) has convened, informed and mobilized New Yorkers to make the city a better place for children. CCC's approach to child advocacy is fact-based and combines the best features of public policy research with a tradition of citizen activism. Our focus is on identifying the causes and effects of vulnerability and disadvantage, recommending solutions to problems children face and working to make public policies, budgets, services and benefits more responsive to children. Our mission is to Secure Every Child's Birthright to be healthy, housed, educated and safe.

CCC is committed to gathering the facts, educating New Yorkers, and advocating for children. We ground our advocacy in data and facts that we regularly share with press outlets. For more information, visit our web site at [www.ccnewyork.org](http://www.ccnewyork.org).