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Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services Honors Social Workers during Social Worker Month

Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services will honor 39 social workers on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Jane Edna Hunter building in the atrium, located at 3955 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

CCDCFS and County Commissioner, Timothy F. Hagan will recognize and celebrate social workers for their extraordinary performance in service to children and families.

Director Deborah Forkas stated, "The 39 social workers recognized this year have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve children and families and they deserve recognition throughout the year but especially in March which is designated as "National Social Worker Month." Forkas continued, "Social Worker Month is an important observance and opportunity for CCDCFS and the community to reflect and celebrate the important work that is done for children and families served by social workers."

Honorees for 2009 are: Angela Thompkins, Bonnie Simonelli, Kristy Prochaska, Tashia Burch-York, Ian Lucash, Nikisha Russ, Yolanda Stitt, Meghan Seedhouse, Pam Karwoski, Jennifer Wenderoth, Shawn Green-Moore, Beverly Torres, Sandra Perciak, Janelle Williams, Martinique Hall, Ana Navarrete, Michelle Kitchen, Dawud Mumin, Paul Taylor, Christina Code, Kathleen Johnson, Chris Cabot, Jennifer A. Croessmann, Linda Pavlich, Hortense Boyce, Tina Funfgeld, Darrell Harris, Yolanda Jones, MarQuita Harden, Deborah Wimbley-Rahim, Theresa Almusaad, Therese Wallace, Geraldo Quinones, Desiree Gould, Rhonda Parmer, Amada Matei-Rosenberger, Lois Roberts, Marcella Dennis and Keyanna Smith.

In 2008 CCDCFS served approximately 15,754 families and approximately 43,066 children.

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Mission Statement

**The purpose of the Department of Children and Family Services
is to assure that children at risk of abuse or neglect are protected and nurtured
within a family and with the support of the community.**